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If I were a Londoner then Tottenham Hotspur would be the team I'd support.

I've always enjoyed watching them play, even as a youngster standing on the Holte End at Villa Park.

Despite my admiration for Tottenham's proud past and bold, attacking style, they will receive no charity from me or Villa when we clash in Saturday's big match at Wembley.

Some players believe the Charity Shield has now become too prestigious an occasion to stage at the beginning of a new season.

But for me the Charity Shield, now traditionally the Champions v. F.A. Cup winners, is an ideal opening for a new campaign.

Personally I can't wait to make my Wembley debut. The stadium might be a bit out of date by world standards, but it still holds a special magic for footballers, and I'm obviously no exception.

Mind you, I did make a "guest" appearance at last season's F.A. Cup Final.

Bob Wilson, the former goalkeeper now with BBC TV sport took me on to the pitch before the kick-off to make comments on the great day for the telly.

I was at Wembley to receive my Robinson's Barley Water Young Player of the Year award from Ron Greenwood.

Just being able to sample the atmosphere was an experience in itself. I just can't imagine what it will be like to



ASTON VILLA

'A winning Wembley debut'

SOCCER
AS I SEE IT
Gary Shaw



actually play at Wembley.

My Villa boss Ron Saunders is no stranger to the stadium. He's taken Norwich, Manchester City and Villa there for League Cup Finals. Now he's going back for the Charity Shield which he regards as just as important for Villa to win.

Although we won the title last season, Villa didn't exactly end like Champions, losing 2-0 at Arsenal.

This match will give us the opportunity of proving to people

Villa lose 2-0 at Tottenham last season, and to complete a miserable day for the visitors, Gordon Cowans blasts over from the penalty spot.

that our success was no fluke and the confidence to kick-off 1981-82 in real style.

Villa didn't do all that well in London last season, especially at White Hart Lane where we lost 2-0.

Spurs weren't particularly impressive that day, which doesn't say a lot for our performance.

The Londoners have lots of flair and individuality, but are inclined to be vulnerable at the back.

This weakness leaves them exposed when their attacks break down. Spurs prefer the slower build up with everything going through Glenn Hoddle.

Villa like to get forward much quicker, keeping the ball moving.

But if Spurs have problems in defence there's very little wrong with their attack.

Glenn Hoddle, Steve Archibald, Garth Crooks and Ossie Ardiles are all potential match-winners.

I know Garth quite well and enjoy his company. He's a great talker and real livewire character.

Actually our two styles are similar. He relies on sharpness around the box and is good at snapping up the half chances.

Like most top strikers Archibald is a selfish player. He only wants to score goals. Steve rarely misses the target, and although not as fast or as sharp as Crooks is deadly around the box.

Sensational

The managers are similar in many respects. Neither go in for sensational headline busting statements, or for criticising players or opponents in public.

Both Ron Saunders and Keith Burkinshaw have worked quietly and earnestly for the last few years, rebuilding teams capable of winning trophies.

I know that Ron Saunders has the greatest respect for Keith Burkinshaw and Spurs.

So all the signs are for a classic, yet close Charity Shield encounter.

Tottenham will be heavily backed with their magnificent F.A. Cup Final replay victory over Manchester City still fresh in people's minds, but that was a one-off situation.

I don't think they will repeat that performance at Wembley this Saturday... Villa won't let them. We are capable of exploiting their weakness and popping in a goal or two.

Before I close this week I'd like to wish all SHOOT readers an enjoyable 1981-82 season which ever team you support.

Bob Wilson
Gary Shaw



V. SPURS



Villa's famous Cup winner

'Don't expect another wonder goal'

RICKY Villa spent the summer back in his native Argentina, but still couldn't get away from Wembley.

The two F.A. Cup Final ties had been televised live in Argentina and celebrations were only marginally less passionate than when the country won the 1978 World Cup.

"We've won the F.A. Cup," they said, a nation of Spurs fans, proud of the achievements of Villa and his 'amigo' Ossie Ardiles.

They stopped Villa in the street to talk about the games ("I only talked about the replay, though") and THAT goal. Villa probably wouldn't have been surprised if his horse on the family ranch at Roque Perez had asked him to talk him through the winner one more time.

Villain

Rarely have a player's fortunes changed so dramatically in such a short space of time. Villa went from being the villain to the hero in a matter of days.

And as Spurs prepare for Saturday's Charity Shield, it's impossible to forget that dramatic F.A. Cup Final victory, certainly as far as Villa's concerned.

"Yes, that game changed my whole life completely," he says with a smile. In fact, the friendly Argentine smiles most of the time, except when he's substituted at Wembley.

"It made it easier to stay with Spurs. I went home for a few weeks, happy and confident.

"That replay has given me a tremendous boost: I believe I can score a lot more goals now. Not necessarily like the winner at Wembley, but I'd like to think the Spurs fans have seen the real Ricky Villa at last.

"It'll still be Ardiles and Villa, not Villa and Ardiles, and so it should. Ossie is a national team player — even if in one game I achieved what it took him three years to do!

"I've always been aware that I'm 'second best'. I used to say to myself 'Ricky, you're a bad player'. Now, perhaps, I'm not so bad.

"The trouble with me is that I either play well or hopelessly. There's no in between. I'm either nine out of ten or two.

"Don't ask me why I haven't played as I did in the replay consistently. All I can say is I'm confident I'll play like it more often in the future."

Starting on Saturday?

"The Charity Shield could be an even better game than the replay. Let's be honest. The result doesn't really matter, unlike the Cup Final.

"I enjoyed everything about the first Final except the game itself. There was too much pressure... defeat was unthinkable.

"All the players will be more

relaxed this time. This is why I don't go along with those who say it's not good to start the season with such a big event. The Charity Shield may be a big event, but the approach is less intense. It should be a great day.

"For me, Wembley is the home of football. It must be the ambition of every player in the world to play there. I wouldn't say I have one memory in particular of the stadium... just an overall impression of everything connected with the F.A. Cup Final.

"By the way, it isn't true that when I scored the winner that I ran to the bench to 'take my revenge'. I just wanted to share the moment with everyone connected with the club.

Hesitated

"I must admit that I didn't think I was going to score, though. The ball ran away from me a bit just before I was going to shoot. Luckily their number six hesitated a little..."

Villa is a Villa fan. "They're worthy Champions. I don't think you can say Ipswich are moral Champions. Any team that wins the First Division title deserves to and must be a great team.

"I'd say their strength is up front, where Peter Withe and Gary Shaw are outstanding. But all round they're a fine team."

Despite his 'sudden' rise to fame, Villa has written off any chance of helping Argentina defend their world crown next summer.

"I've got to be realistic and realise that Diego Maradona will be an automatic choice. I took his place in the '78 squad, but I'm happy to have played my part in helping to win the World Cup."

says
Ricky Villa



Ricky Villa with his 'amigo' Ossie Ardiles.



I T WILL be an immediate renewal of an international rivalry for Paul Price, Spurs' £250,000 close season signing from Luton Town, when he strolls out for his Tottenham debut at Wembley.

Price, the Wales defender whose calm assurance always ear-marked him for the top during ten years at Luton, is likely to be the Spurs defender with the job of keeping an eye on Aston Villa's rampant centre-forward Peter Withe.

And that means it will be almost three months to the day since the two last met, battling it out for England and Wales in the British Championship.

Not that the prospect of marking England's newest target man or making his club debut at Wembley worries Price. No, the 27-year-old star has hardly thought about it. He is so modest he is unwilling to admit he is sure of a place at Wembley.

Price said: "I marked Peter Withe in that game last May, but it was not a good one to judge him on. England were not playing too

well and Peter didn't get the best service, with two men playing wide of him.

"I don't think they made best use of his dominance in the air. I expect him to be a much more difficult proposition if I'm lucky enough to be in the Spurs line-up this weekend.

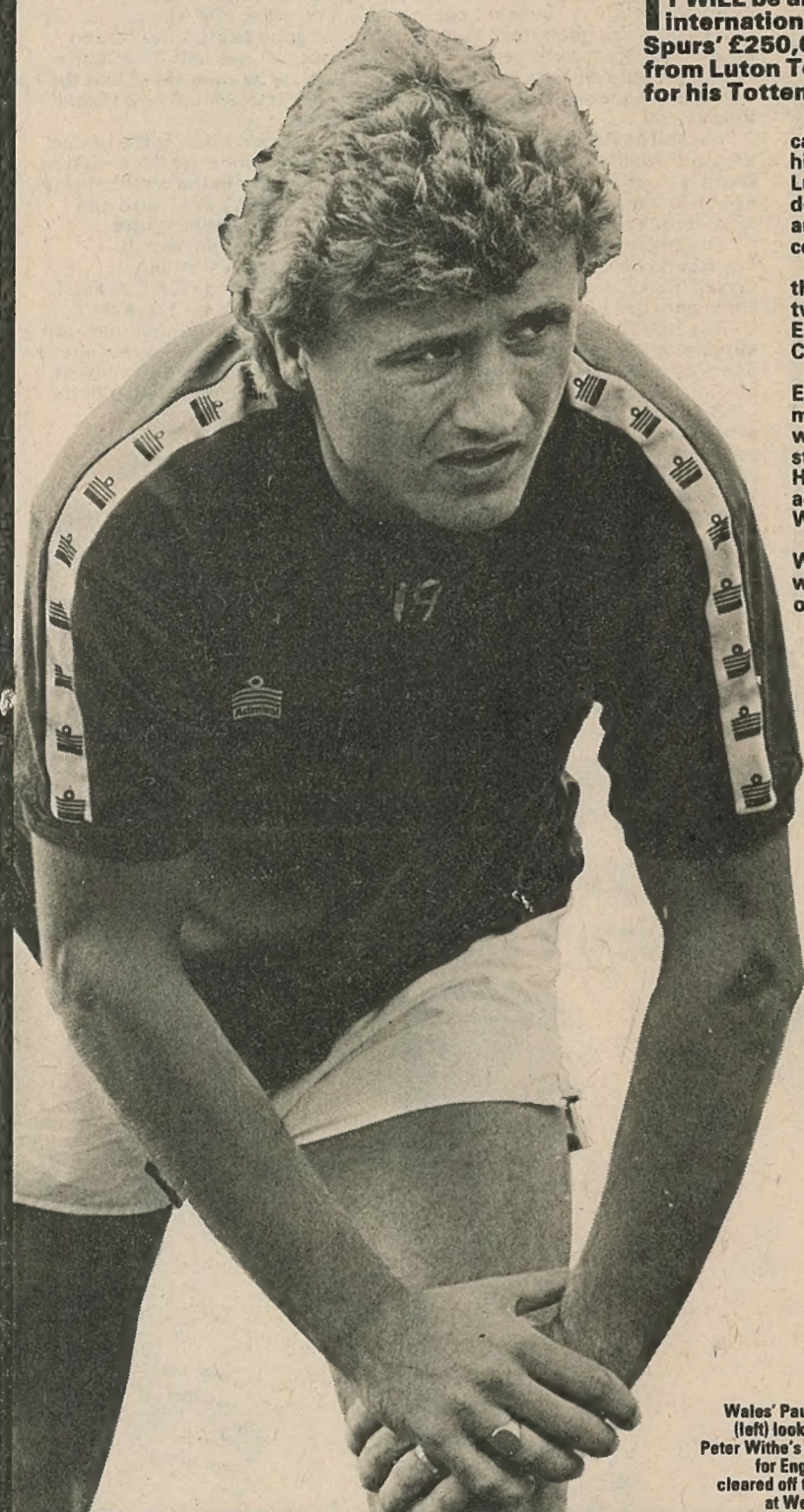
"He was taken off in the last 15 minutes, so I didn't get the chance to change shirts with him at the end. Peter came and asked me about it in the players' bar, but I'd already swopped with Glenn Hoddle."

It is more than likely that the two will get a second chance to exchange shirts at the end of the Charity Shield, a game which promises a vibrant clash of styles between two of the First Division's most attractive teams.

As Villa crusade into their first European Cup season, Withe says: "There's no reason why we shouldn't do well. Last season was a great one for the club and me, personally.

"I aim to improve on it. I've got a

'Withe will be says Spurs debut



Wales' Paul Price (left) looks on as Peter Withe's header for England is cleared off the line at Wembley.



THIS will be the 58th F.A. Charity Shield match. The series started in 1908 and has, traditionally, been contested by the winners of the Football League Championship and the F.A. Cup.

There have been a few exceptions. When Arsenal achieved the double in 1970-71, F.A. Cup runners-up Liverpool met Second Division Champions Leicester. Ten years earlier, when Spurs did the double, they faced an F.A. XI. And in 1950 the then England World Cup squad for Brazil played against a Canadian touring team.

Until the Football Association took the fixture to Wembley in 1974, the matches were rather of the exhibition

variety, played on the ground of one of the competing clubs. Since 1974, they have become more competitive, a complete contrast to earlier years when, five times, the match involved sides labelled Professionals v. Amateurs. That format ceased after 1926 following 6-1 and 6-3 victories for the Amateurs. The profits, and there will be more than £150,000, are distributed as the Finalists wish. They nominate the charities and the sums of money involved. Last year, after Liverpool had played West Ham,

deserving causes from old age pensioners to youth organisations on Merseyside and in London's East End received donations.

Arsenal top the Charity Shield merit order with seven outright successes. Including the seven years when the trophy was held jointly, this is how the clubs' roll of honour reads.

Arsenal 7
Manchester Utd 5 (and three shared)
Liverpool 4 (and three shared)
Tottenham 4 (and one shared)

Everton 4
Manchester City 3
Wolves 1 (and three shared)
Burnley 1 (and one shared)
Blackburn 1
Bolton 1
Brighton 1
Cardiff 1
Chelsea 1
Derby 1
Huddersfield 1
Leeds 1
Leicester 1

FACTS AND FIGURES

F.A. Charity Shield 1981

lot of catching up to do. I didn't get into football properly until I was 22. Every season since then I've tried to add to my game, and last season was my best.

"I scored 20 League goals, my highest total in Division One; I was voted Villa's Player of the Year, the Midlands Player of the Year and I played for England as well. Now I want to do even better."

Familiar

And there is no better place to improve than at Wembley, a ground that could rapidly become more familiar to both Price and Withe during the next 12 months. Both, of course, also have the World Cup Finals in their sights for next summer.

The prospect of making his Spurs debut at Wembley, where Tottenham so gloriously won the Cup last May, holds no fears for Price.

"I hope I can do well," he says. "But a lot can depend on the conditions in these games. At this

stage of the season no one is really fully match fit and if it's a hot day with a sultry atmosphere the match could go a little flat.

"It is strange that when I watched the F.A. Cup Final I had no idea they were interested in signing me. My only real interest was that my good friend Milija Aleksic was in goal for them.

"I went to the first game, but I had to join up with Wales for the USSR World Cup-tie and missed seeing the replay."

Price has met Withe on a couple of occasions, other than the international clash. Two Second Division games when Withe was with Newcastle which the former Luton defender remembers well.

"Yes, he's a big, powerful player with a lot of ability in the air. I think he'll do much better than he did against me last time."

And he remembered his last match against Villa. "It was two or three seasons ago in the League Cup at Villa Park. Luton won 2-0, but their team has changed dramatically since then."

better this time' oy Paul Price



Newcastle 1
Nottm. Forest 1
Sheffield Wed. 1
Sunderland 1
Portsmouth (one shared)
West Ham (one shared)

WEMBLEY WINNERS

1974 Liverpool 1, Leeds 1
(Liverpool won on penalties)
1975 Derby 2, West Ham 0
1976 Liverpool 1, Southampton 0
1977 Liverpool 0, Manchester Utd 0
(each held trophy for six months)
1978 Nottm. Forest 5, Ipswich 0
1979 Liverpool 3, Arsenal 1
1980 Liverpool 1, West Ham 0

SPURS IN THE CHARITY SHIELD

1920 lost to West Bromwich 0-2
1921 beat Burnley 2-0
1951 beat Newcastle 2-1
1961 beat F.A. XI 3-2
1962 beat Ipswich 5-1
1967 drew with Manchester Utd 3-3

ASTON VILLA IN THE CHARITY SHIELD

1910 lost to Brighton 0-1
1957 lost to Manchester Utd 0-4
1972 lost to Manchester City 0-1

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A fabulous memento of this season's F.A. Charity Shield. The winners can choose the team shirt of their choice.

All you have to do is answer the four questions about the two clubs involved in the big match at Wembley. Complete the coupon and paste on the back of a postcard (or sealed envelope) and send to:
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1 Aston Villa's success in the League Championship was their first since 1900, 1905, or 1910?

2 Spurs are the only club to have won the F.A. Cup when members of the Southern League. In what year did they achieve this unique feat?

3 Villa skipper Dennis Mortimer was signed from which other Midlands club?

4 Spurs captain Steve Perryman last season broke the record of 472 League games for the club. Who held the old record?

Prizes will be awarded for the 25 correct entries judged to be the neatest with age taken into account. The competition is open to readers in Great Britain, Northern Ireland, Channel Isles, the Isle of Man and Republic of Ireland, except employees and their families of IPC Magazines Ltd., Le Coq Sportif and the printers of SHOOT. The Editor's decision is final. The winners will be notified and the result published later in SHOOT.

SHOOT/LE COQ SPORTIF COMPETITION

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

AGE.....

MY ANSWERS ARE:

1.....
2.....
3.....
4.....

TEAM OF MY CHOICE.....

SIZE REQUIRED

(small boys, medium boys, large boys, youth, men, large men)

More transfer madness

FOLLOWING years of transfer turmoil it appeared that the lunacy which has created so many headlines for so many sports pages in the past had finally been curbed.

But recent events have sadly proved we were all premature in welcoming the return of sanity to the game.

The Frank Stapleton affair has hardly been conducted in the most ethical of manners. Even Ron Atkinson must realise the pressure he placed Arsenal boss Terry Neill under by including the player in his squad before even signing him.

It is hardly surprising, then, that Stapleton's team-mate David O'Leary has also been unsettled when he sees clubs queuing up to meet the Republic of Ireland striker's exorbitant demands.

Meanwhile at West Bromwich Albion, transfer speculation involving Bryan Robson has not helped new boss Ronnie Allen in his task of building a team capable of challenging for the Championship.

And Peter Barnes' on-off move to Leeds has not exactly helped Allen to 'sell' the club to his latest transfer target Steve Mackenzie.

SHOOT view!

Has Southampton boss Lawrie McMenemy opened up the way for the return of inflated cash demands by agreeing to pay £750,000 (a 'ridiculous' fee even by his own admission) asked by Middlesbrough for David Armstrong?

After seeing new boss Howard Kendall sign seven new players, can Everton fans even identify with their team any more?

And how about Justin Fashanu — just how much is he worth?

These are all questions which demand answers. Clubs, managers and players have all been holding each other to ransom, and they cannot see that they are cutting their own throats.

Just how sympathetically can they expect their pleadings of poverty to be viewed when cash is once again being splashed around like so much confetti?

Sadly, as in most walks of life, money nearly always wins. If the only way certain clubs can win the League is by outbidding all their rivals, the whole competition is devalued.

And then it all becomes a question of whether the end justifies the means.



Campeonato Mundial de Fútbol de 1982 en España

TAKE THAT, ROY

NEW manager Roy McFarland found himself taking orders instead of giving them when Bradford City reported back for training.

Roy and the rest of the players were set a demanding series of exercises by the club's coach Mick Jones.

Said Roy: "He's tough but it's the only way we can expect to be fit when the season starts."

Jones is former manager of Mansfield.

HILLSBOROUGH BOYS' F.C. one of Northern Ireland's top schoolboy outfits, have played around 200 games in various close-season Continental competitions in the past six years.



PORTADOWN striker Paul Kirk has quite a travelling record — he's played for more than half the teams in the 12-club Irish League.

Paul has seen service with Glentoran, Ballymena United, Crusaders, Bangor, Linfield, Ards, and his present outfit.

STEVE BERRY, an 18-year-old midfielder with Portsmouth, has one big ambition — he would like to be transferred to Liverpool. He was born on Merseyside and his favourite player has always been the Reds Scottish international midfielder Graeme Souness.

Young Steve is one of soccer's thinkers. He is taking a business studies course equivalent to 'A' level.

'I'M NOT MOVING'

says Woods

NORWICH winger Clive Woods has decided to stay with the East Anglian club.

He could have moved on a free transfer to Dutch club Groningen. But he felt it was too late in his career to uproot his family and move abroad.

"Norwich made me available on a free transfer at the end of last season," he says, "so it seems they don't feel I have a future with the club."

"I am determined to prove them wrong and I can only do that by staying for the remaining year of my contract and forcing my way back into the first team."



NEWS DESK

Compiled by BILL DAY



Boro salute captain Craggs

MIDDLESBROUGH have a new captain for the 1981-82 season.

Former Celtic and Scottish international star Bobby Murdoch, who took over in May from John Neal, has appointed long-serving full-back John Craggs.

Murdoch says, "Tony McAndrew has done a tremendous job for the club, but he is keen to move on and I don't want an unsettled skipper. Craggs, meanwhile, will get 100 per cent support from McAndrew."

McAndrew asked for a transfer in May when he was "upset" over the departure of manager John Neal in the club's reorganisation plans.

Craggs has given Boro excellent service since he joined the club from Newcastle United ten years ago. Former Boro boss Jack Charlton once rated the 32-year-old Craggs as the best attacking right-back in the country.



Robson tastes the chair

FORMER West Ham, Newcastle and Sunderland striker Pop Robson has had his first experience of the management hot seat.

Pop, now player-coach at Carlisle, stood in for manager Bob Stokoe while he went on holiday.

"I'm interested in moving into management," said Robson, "so it gave me an interesting insight into the job and the work involved."

Robson, who is now 35, plans to continue playing this season.

Briefly...

● Don Givens, given a free transfer by Sheffield United, has joined Swiss side Neuchatel Xamax.

● Arbroath have signed Doug Robb, top scorer with Montrose for the past two seasons, for a fee of £25,000. The transfer brought the total intake of Montrose to over £100,000 in eight months. The other departures were Garry Murray to Hibs and Stewart Beedie to St Johnstone.

● Manchester United's new management duo of Ron Atkinson and Mick Brown can lay claim to "qualifications" which are second to none. "We must be the only two coaches who've both gone to Oxford and Cambridge," jokes Mick Brown.

Atkinson was a player at Oxford, and later became manager of Cambridge, while Brown became Oxford manager after a spell at Cambridge.

● Former Darlington and Torquay United defender Jimmy Cochrane has joined non-League Blyth Spartans.

● Middlesbrough's Open

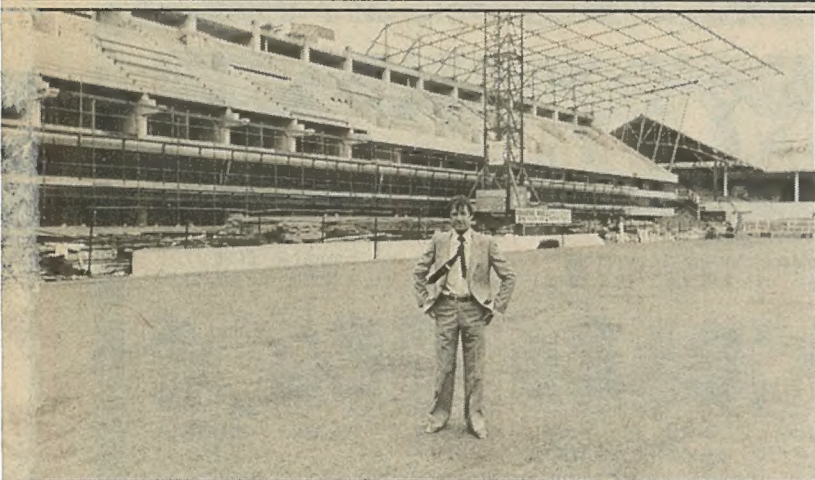
Day was a tremendous success, with £2,500 raised for the Year of the Disabled.

● Former Nottingham Forest and Bristol Rovers winger Miah Dennehy has joined Waterford.

Dennehy, a former Eire international, returned to Eire last season and spent a season with Cork United.

● New Sunderland boss Alan Durban rates Brian Clough the best manager.

Says Durban, "When Brian Clough took over at Derby he transformed me from an ordinary Second Division player into a regular Welsh international."



Swinburne stays

ONE of the men responsible for keeping Carlisle in the Third Division last season has agreed to stay with the Brunton Park outfit.

Goalkeeper Trevor Swinburne, in top form as Carlisle climbed from the relegation zone, has changed his mind about leaving and signed a two-year contract.

It's a boost for his boss Bob Stokoe, but a big disappointment for new Sheffield United chief Ian Porterfield, who was keen on Swinburne.



IT'S ALL BEEN HAPPENING AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE. Trevor Brooking was there to receive the MBE for his services to England and West Ham. It was a proud moment for Trevor's three-year-old son Warren when he held the decoration his father received outside the Palace gates. Making it a picture for the family album are Trevor, his wife Hilka and their daughter, Collette, aged six.

SCARBOROUGH'S latest bid to buy themselves into the Football League has ended in failure.

The Alliance Premier League club began talks with Hartlepool over a possible take-over of the Fourth Division outfit.

It sparked a storm of protest in Hartlepool and the talks ended when local men came forward and joined the board.

SHOOT KAWASAKI COMPETITION RESULT

In our Kawasaki Competition issue dated May 30 readers were invited to answer three questions based around Team Kawasaki. The correct answers were:

1 — Swindon Town; 2 — Tottenham Hotspur, Arsenal; 3 — Newcastle.

Having considered all entries, the judges decided that the nearest correct, with age taken into account, was sent by Kevin Bailey of Wantage. Kevin wins a Kawasaki AR80 sports motorcycle.

JOE JORDAN'S shock move to AC Milan was a personal setback to Manchester United's new manager Ron Atkinson... but the transfer gave Atkinson a distinct feeling of "deja-vu".

"I had exactly the same situation with Laurie Cunningham at West Brom. What can you do when a foreign club offer the kind of money no English club could possibly match? And although I'm sorry to see Joe leave, I can understand his motives. He's after the kind of money that will give him and his family security for the rest of their lives."

Chief Charles

BACK on the soccer circuit is Charles Harrold, who was deeply involved with Jimmy Hill at Coventry City in the early 1960's in promoting the Sky Blues club.

The former journalist has now taken over as Hereford United's chief executive.

Harrold, who at one time headed a company which assisted in opening up the promotion departments at Aston Villa, Leeds, Sunderland, Manchester City and Wolves, believes that Hereford could be setting the lead in a new approach to the organisation within clubs.



Best of luck, pal

"I WISH I could have played against him in a 'derby' match for Liverpool."

That was Joey Jones' reaction when he heard that his great friend Mickey Thomas had joined Everton, the club he had supported since he was a youngster.

Thomas was best-man at Jones' wedding, but there would have been no prisoners taken on the field.

"We used to have really heated arguments when we were both at Wrexham about the fortunes of Liverpool and Everton," says Jones. "He was always going on about them."

"Funny enough, I've never played against Mickey, and it would have been nice to have done just that in a 'derby' game."

"Seriously, I wish Mickey all the best. I know how it feels to end up with a club you admire. I played for the best in the world!"

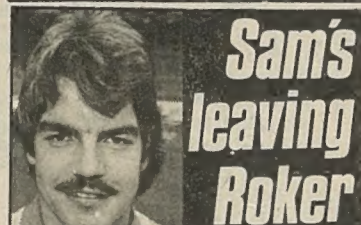
Margaret Thatcher's letter to Kevin Keelan

KEVIN KEELAN M.B.E. is still going strong, aged "around 40." The former Norwich 'keeper was transferred from Jacksonville Tea Men to the Tampa Bay Rowdies earlier in the season.

Even accepting goalkeepers play longer than outfield players Keelan's record is remarkable. He's been playing since 1959, but says: "Too much is made of a player's age. If I make a mistake people say 'oh, he's too old', but if a youngster makes an error they say 'well, he'll be better when he's had a few more games.' You can't win."

The M.B.E. was just reward for a player who has been an example to all. He explains: "I was in Boston at the time when suddenly I had an influx of mail. When I saw the letter from Downing Street I thought someone was pulling my leg."

"Then I saw Margaret Thatcher's signature at the bottom. I'd never seen Buckingham Palace except from the outside. To actually get inside the place was unbelievable..."



Sam's leaving Roker

SAM ALLARDYCE'S unhappy stay at Sunderland is drawing to a close.

The former Bolton defender hasn't settled at Roker Park since his £150,000 transfer last summer.

Taken off the list when Alan Durban took over, Allardyce and the new Sunderland boss have agreed he should be made available again.

Carlisle are keen, but won't be able to afford the current fee of more than £100,000.

If they don't land Allardyce, expect the Third Division club to turn to Blackpool's Jackie Ashurst, who was once at Sunderland.

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BERWICK RANGERS are taking steps to encourage a bigger support from the young people of the town this season. Their first move has been to offer the 200 members of their junior supporters' club season tickets at a bargain price of £5.

HIBS have solved their goalkeeping problem following the refusal by Jim McArthur to accept new terms. Manager Bertie Auld has signed Ally Donaldson, who walked out on Dundee a year ago after the Taysiders lost their place in the Premier Division. The fee was £5,000. Another newcomer to Easter Road is Donald McLeod, a 20-year-old central defender from Nottingham Forest.

Peter Knowles returns



PETER KNOWLES has agreed to play his first game at Molineux since walking out of soccer in 1969 to become a Jehovah's Witness.

The former young England player is to play in Kenny Hibbitt's testimonial game against Derby on August 23.

Knowles, who had the soccer world at his feet when he took his great decision, said: "It is going to be a great thrill for me to play again at Molineux."

Hibbitt, who had the permission of manager John Barnwell to approach the former Wolves player, said: "I've always admired Peter, and although I only had a season playing alongside him I picked up a lot of useful tips."

The only game Knowles has played since quitting Wolves was in his brother's testimonial at Spurs.

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CODE	USE	PALM	BACK	TRIM	SIZES	PRICE
CLEMENCE COTTON	Wet	Green cotton with yellow trim	Red polyurethane	As palm	Y.M.L.	£1.85
CLEMENCE SHILTON CLUB	Wet/Dry	White embossed foam rubber	Red polyurethane	As palm	Y.S.M.L.	£6.75
SUKAN/REUSCH 115	Wet/Dry	White neoprene foam rubber	Green polyurethane	White grooved foam rubber	Y.S.M.L.	£7.95
UHL 023	Wet/Dry	Yellow 3 level foam rubber	Black PU velvet	As palm	Y.S.M.L.	£9.95
UHL 031	Wet/Dry	White smooth foam rubber	Black grooved foam rubber	As palm	S.M.L.	£10.95
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THE granting of my transfer request by Liverpool didn't spark off a battle between clubs vying for my services, and I'm sure it was due to the high price tag slapped on my head.

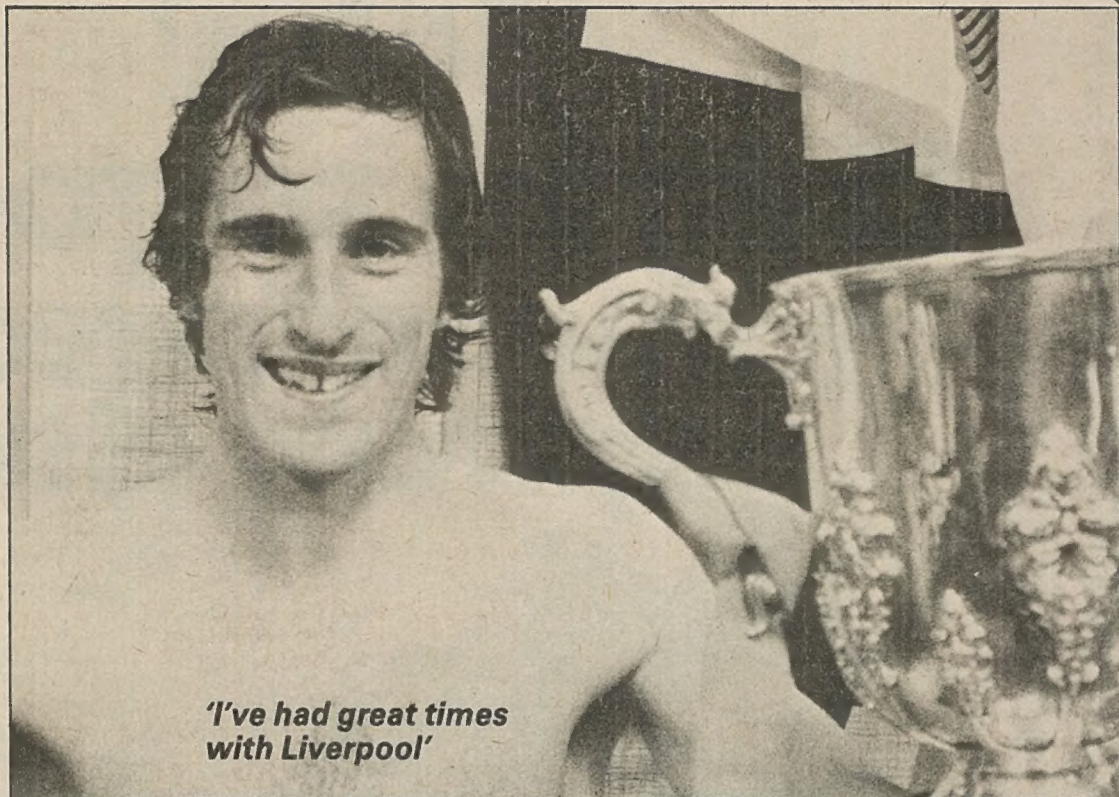
I don't blame the boss, Bob Paisley, for wanting to keep me. He's never made any secret of how much he has valued my contribution to the Liverpool success story. After he'd reluctantly agreed to my request for a move he gave a verbal testimonial to the Press: "The fact Ray is going to leave Liverpool is the biggest blow to me since I had to let Kevin Keegan go to the Continent."

Although, of course, my situation is similar to Kevin's of 1977 in only one respect: that of wanting to leave to take on fresh challenges.

Milestone

Kevin was at his peak and determined to sample football with a European club. At 33, a milestone I passed on August 5th, I have only about two years of top football left in me and feel the urge to move on simply because I am no longer motivated by Liverpool's success.

I realised what a terrible wrench it would be, leaving Anfield with all its fabulous memories, the staff, back-



'I've had great times with Liverpool'

'I HOLD NO GRUDGE'



ABOVE: Happiness after finally clinching the League Cup for the first time last season.

LEFT: All eyes on the ball as Hungary's Nyilasi takes a shot at the England goal.

room and playing, and the marvellous fans whose support has inspired us to reach the heights.

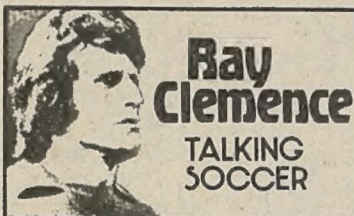
It was tempting to carry on as usual, not rock the boat, and hope that the old enthusiasm would once again begin surging through my veins.

I've known so many great times with the club. From winning my first big honours — a double of U.E.F.A. Cup and Championship in 1973 — to that night to remember in Paris when we beat Real Madrid to collect a hat-trick of European Cup wins.

I'm particularly proud of establishing a record of "shut-outs", letting in only 16 League goals in the 1978-79 season, and managing to keep 226 clean sheets in 470 League games.

Every trophy in my case at home recalls a highlight. Intrinsicly they're not worth a great deal — perhaps the cost of a few Liverpool season tickets — but to me they are priceless, symbols that establish me as a success.

But, weighing everything up care-



fully, I came to the conclusion that I had reached a stage in my career where I needed to branch out, to join a new club and, driven by fresh challenges, regain my enthusiasm for the game.

Money was strictly secondary. Liverpool have always rewarded me well for my contribution to extending its roll of honours.

At the time of writing I'm still waiting to hear whether a club has come in for me, undeterred by the large, six-figure fee Liverpool are asking. Keith Burkinshaw, manager of Spurs, one of the clubs rumoured to be seeking my services along with Southampton, endorsed my feelings about the fee when he

'I still want to play for England in the World Cup Finals'

commented: "They're asking an awful lot of money for a 33-year-old."

But as I stated earlier, I hold no grudge against Bob Paisley for trying to hang on to me and hope that I'll remain at Anfield.

Liverpool have been very fair, leaving me behind for the pre-season friendlies away on the Continent, so that I'm available to talk to any interested parties.

I've kept my hand in by playing in the reserves, where games are as different from first team games as a register office wedding to a Royal one.

The shouts from the players often drown those from the crowd.

But I did have the satisfaction of boosting the gate, from the usual 700 to 1,100, when we played Oswestry away and won 2-1.

If circumstances do force me to

remain a Liverpool player, then I'm sure the prospect of becoming a fixture in the reserves will provide the stimulus to fight to regain my place in the first team.

I must hold a first team place in a First Division side in order to stay in the running for England. Time is running out, and I still have one burning ambition: to play in the World Cup Finals in Spain in 1982.

I can't bear the thought of finishing my career without appearing for my country in the World's greatest tournament.

Enjoyable

I'm afraid this is the last of my regular columns for SHOOT. I've had four very enjoyable years writing for the magazine and the time has come to hand over to another Liverpool player, Phil Thompson.

Phil is a great lad in every sense, who rose from being a schoolboy on The Kop to captaining the team of his dreams.

But I'll still be contributing to the magazine, and you'll be the first to hear from me once my future is sorted out.

Best of luck for 1981-82 — and I hope you'll wish me the same!

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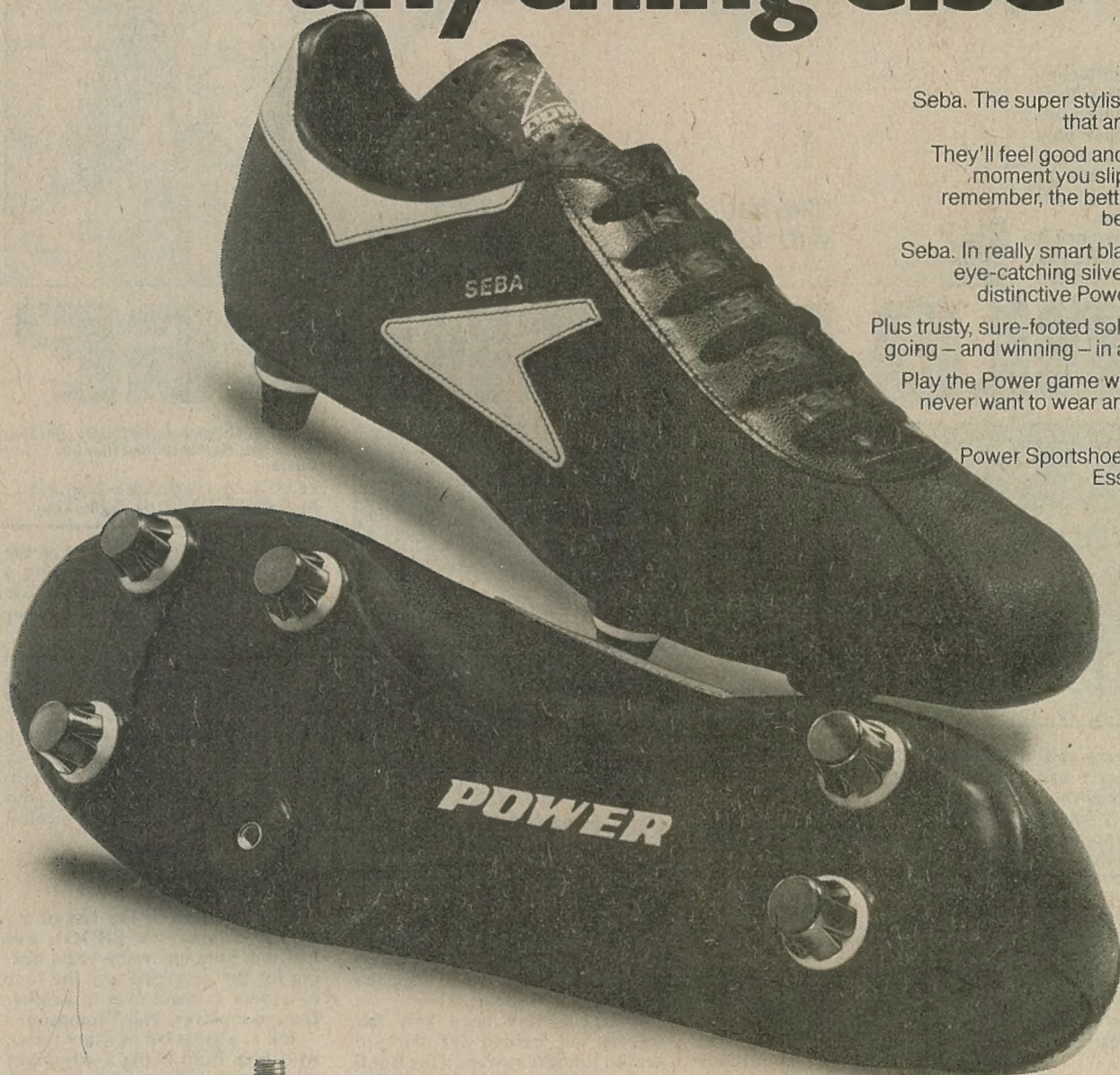
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Coppell gives rule changes the thumbs-down

ALTHOUGH changes in soccer are frequently called for at club and international level, Steve Coppell is not one who wants to see alterations in the present structure of the game.

For the Manchester United and England star, the hurly-burly of an English season, crammed fixture lists and often gruelling demands on top players are all part of the scene. Steve knows the system isn't perfect, but overall, is happy with it the way it is.

"I'm a traditionalist," explains Steve. "And I don't like to see too much tampering with the existing rules."

"For example, the plan to award three points for a win should have been tried out first in the Central League or the Northern Premier League."

"And with regard to the suggestion that there should be a reduction in the number of matches played in the Football League, I don't think that the idea would appeal to the fans — they are used to a programme which has been in operation for a long time."

Coppell in action during England's crucial victory in Hungary.

But while Coppell approves of the football set-up in this country, he does call for more understanding from supporters about the difficulties confronting the England team.

"In countries like Germany, Italy and Belgium, teams are playing an average of about 30 games a season, considerably less than a professional in England."

"Our League programme means that our international players are more likely to be jaded or stale than the Continentals when we

meet them in important matches. So all I'm saying is that I would like our fans to appreciate this fact and be more understanding of our efforts."

"England's game against Hungary was the equivalent of a Cup Final to us. We won it, and have to win two more just like it to keep our World Cup ambitions alive. That is why I hope supporters will be 100 per cent behind the international side in our bid to qualify for Spain."

After being married and spending a close-season honeymoon in Florida, Steve looks ahead to the prospects of 1981-82 at Old Trafford under a new manager, plus playing in a Manchester United team lacking the spearhead services of Joe Jordan.

And Coppell says: "Our boss, Ron Atkinson, has a reputation for favouring attacking football, and United made their name on this type of game. Now the manager and players have to become accustomed to each other, to understand each other."

"As for Joe Jordan, we'll need someone to replace him, possibly Frank Stapleton. Some people said he wasn't scoring, but he hit 37 goals in 100 matches averaging more than he had got before joining Manchester United — so his contribution will be missed."

'Incisive'

"Last season we drew 11 games at home, but I believe we would have been more incisive and won some of these if Joe hadn't been out of action through injury as often as he was."

In spite of Manchester United's frustrations last term, Coppell himself enjoyed 1980-81.

"I filled different roles for United, in midfield, then as an out and out winger, winger-cum-midfielder, full-back and centre-forward. I liked them all and they kept me sharp."

"Through switching around, there was no way I could get into a rut, as can happen sometimes if you occupy the same position permanently. Instead, I had to keep on the alert, as each new spot the line-up presented a challenge."

So far, Steve has met his challenges successfully. And he sums up: "I've been happy in my career, but I confess I would like to see one change in the soccer set-up — the elimination of much of today's coaching."

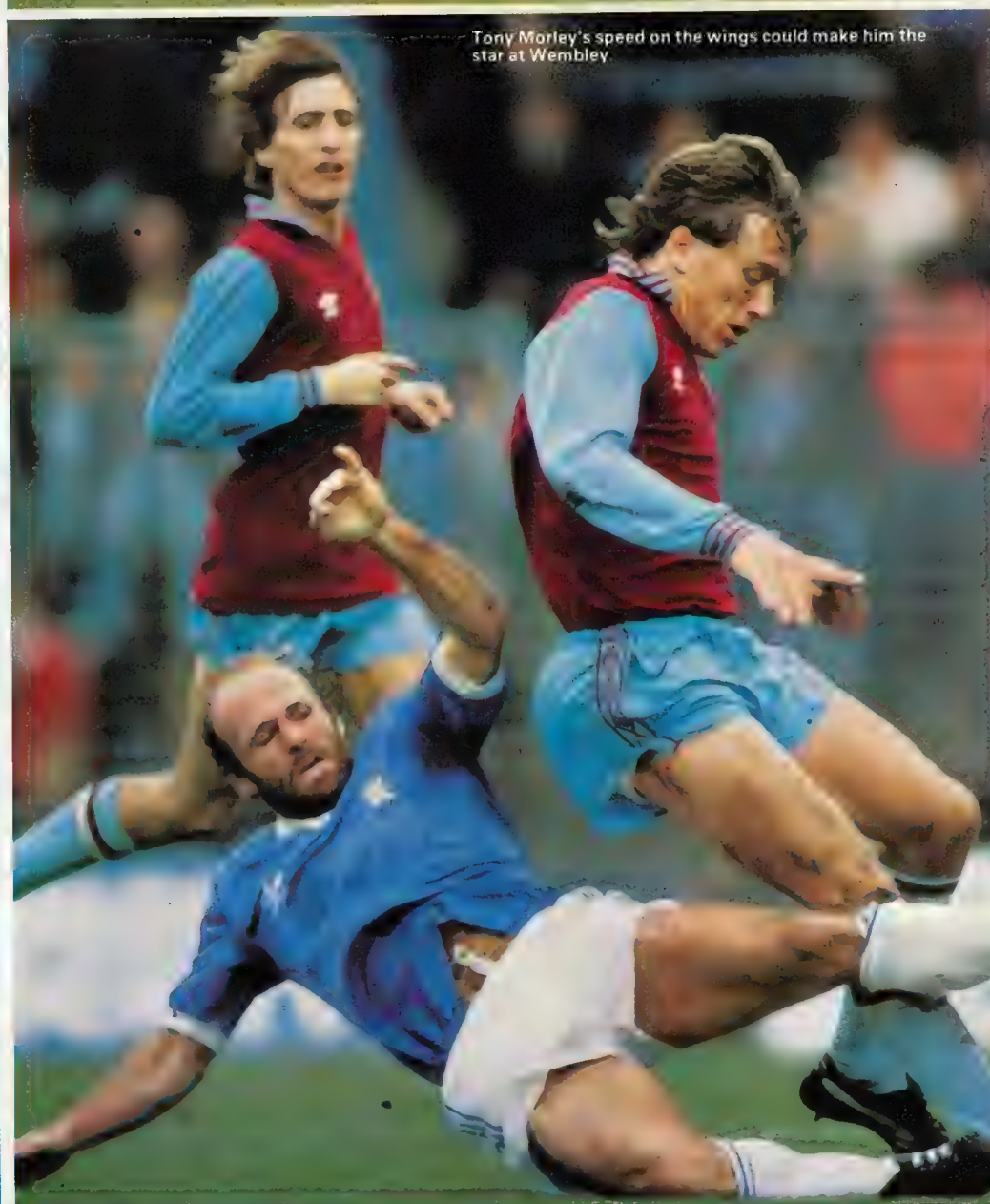
"In the past, great England sides were composed of players who had learned their football in the back-streets, off the cuff. I would be glad if there was a return to this sort of spontaneous soccer education and less rigid teaching methods."



Coppell in action during England's crucial victory in Hungary.



ABOVE . . . The goal power of Peter Withe was an outstanding feature of Villa's Championship success. RIGHT . . . At the other end of the field, Jimmy Rimmer's goalkeeping was far more secure than the other JR's business affairs



Tony Morley's speed on the wings could make him the star at Wembley.

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After Spurs' unforgettable replay victory over Man. City in the F.A. Cup Final at Wembley, they will be hard-pushed to stage another game as open and exciting. But the Charity Shield contestants have so many players of the highest quality that 1981/82 may well start as last season ended in the best possible way



TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR ANOTHER WEMBLEY CLASSIC?



ABOVE Top scorer in his first season in Division One — Scottish international Steve Archibald, Spurs' star striker.

BELOW Not a star name, perhaps, but winger Tony Galvin was superb in Spurs' Cup run.

LEFT Spurs captain Steve Perryman, one of the most consistent players in the country.



SHOOT!

THE TAG WEST BROM WANT TO LOSE



New Albion boss
Ronnie Allen



WEST Bromwich Albion star Gary Owen is determined to help his club to honour this season — if only to lose their reputation as the team who always finish second-best.

Owen, who joined Albion from Manchester City in the summer of 1979, believes that Albion have the potential to win trophies but have only themselves to blame for not doing so.

"On paper, our side looks capable of achieving real success," says Gary. "The players are there, yet our concentration wavers at vital periods and we end up among the also-rans."

"The season before last, we suffered from a crop of injuries. But considering that as the players who stepped in as replacements were as good as those on the treatment table, I don't think we were entitled to make excuses for not doing better."

"Last term we simply became complacent at the wrong times. We could play a side like Ipswich off the park at The Hawthorns, then come off badly against what should have been easier opposition, such as Coventry."

"Now I'm hoping that my third season at Albion will be the lucky one for us."

For Owen, there will be the experience in 1981-82 of playing under a new manager, Ronnie Allen, following the departure of Ron Atkinson to Manchester United.

"I first met Mr. Allen late in July, so I don't know much about his methods," he says. "But players who remember his earlier connection with Albion speak well of him."

"I look forward to learning from him, as I did when Ron Atkinson was our boss. He was the man who bought me from City and encouraged me in every way. I am an attacking player, which was why he took me to The Hawthorns, and I became a better player when he was there. He taught me to mark opposing midfielders more closely and also how to develop my concentration."

"If Ronnie Allen continues where Ron Atkinson left off, we will still be an attacking side. I expect he'll introduce his own ideas gradually, and it won't be until midway through the season that you'll notice any big differences."

"Our skipper, John Wile, has

been appointed player-coach, and I expect that he will pass on his knowledge of the players and the team to Mr. Allen. Meanwhile, John himself will be picking up managerial tips from our new boss which could help him in the future."

During the close season, Owen relaxed as much as possible to shake off the effects of a niggling thigh injury.

"The leg bothered me last term. The problem was caused by fluid collecting at the top of my thigh near the hamstring."

'Withdrew'

"Fluid was drawn from the leg, but on Albion's North American tour to Vancouver, Edmonton and Portland, I withdrew after turning out for only the first half of the match in Vancouver. Since then, I've rested in order to be in top shape for the opening part of the new season."

Gary is determined to be 100 per cent fit in order to fully prove himself at The Hawthorns.

"I feel I have to justify the money the club spent on me," says Owen.

"My mate Peter Barnes has gone to Leeds, and Bryan Robson also seems determined to get away."

"I hope he stays with us, because I am sure we can make a real bid for the League title if we can keep last season's squad together. We have some very good young players here, and I think we are capable of winning something this season."



Albion player, coach and captain John Wile

'Little Gem' Armstrong heads straight for Europe

FORMER Middlesbrough midfielder star David Armstrong will not be out of place in the international parade at Southampton. The £750,000 Armstrong is a richly talented player who deserves more England recognition.

in Armstrong's career. "I didn't want to hold on to a discontented player," he said.

Southampton boss Lawrie McMenemy moved in fast — and Armstrong was happy to sign a three-year contract in one of the most expensive close-season signings.

The player is thrilled it all went so smoothly. "The lure of Europe was important," he says. "With Middlesbrough, I had been trying



The 26-year-old Armstrong is rated one of the best left-sided players in the game. That is the verdict of Jack Charlton, John Neal and Bobby Murdoch. The two former Middlesbrough managers and the current Boro boss all agree he can shine in top company.

Big Jack used to call Armstrong his 'Little Gem' when he was in charge at Ayresome Park.

Armstrong joined Middlesbrough straight from school and made more than 400 first team appearances for the club. Last season he completed a record-breaking run of 356 consecutive first team games.

The Durham City-born player was a permanent fixture year after year, but last season Armstrong lost his sparkle.

"I had gone stale, and realised I needed a fresh challenge," he admitted. "Middlesbrough were a great club to me, but it was time to move on."

Murdoch, the former Celtic and Scotland international star, recognised that it was the turning point

to get into Europe for years. With Southampton, I can walk straight on the plane.

"It will be an extra thrill to play alongside such great players as Kevin Keegan and Mike Channon. But I am grateful to Bobby Murdoch. He appreciated how I felt and helped me all the way.

"It might seem unfair to leave Boro so soon after Bobby took over, particularly after the club had lost Craig Johnston to Liverpool and Mark Proctor to Nottingham Forest. But I was restless before Bobby took over. There was no personality clash.

"I respect Bobby Murdoch as a person and a former player. It was a great joy to play with him in Middlesbrough's Second Division Championship winning side. I hope some of his success as a player rubs off in management.

"But now my loyalties lie with Southampton. I gained an England cap against Australia, and I hope my new club can help me ensure I do not become the forgotten man of the international circuit."

TONY Grealish's ball-winning ability was well known to Mike Bailey before he became Brighton's manager, as he readily admitted by saying he was after the former Luton midfielder while he was still manager of Charlton.

It was hardly surprising, therefore, that after the close season departures of John Gregory to Queens Park Rangers and Peter O'Sullivan to Fulham, Bailey wasted no time in making Grealish his first signing at Brighton in an effort to strengthen his midfield.

Grealish, with 25 Eire caps, has no First Division experience, but Bailey has no doubts that his £100,000 purchase will have no difficulty in adjusting himself — a view which Grealish confidently endorses.

"I've always been under the impression you get just that little extra time and room in the First Division than in the Second, which is much more tight and physical.

"This is why I'm looking forward to facing up to the challenge."

Grealish also feels that the task of adjusting himself to the top flight will be made easier by linking up with three of his Eire teammates — Mark Lawrenson,

Michael Robinson and Gerry Ryan.

"Knowing them has made me far more comfortable about joining Brighton," Grealish explained, "as they've always talked about it as a very happy club. But what really excites me about the move is Brighton have got the nucleus of a good side. And they'll obviously be all out to impress Mike Bailey, which could help the club establish itself in the First Division."

Grealish — described by his manager as "the ideal sort of player for this club" — also speaks enthusiastically of his new colleagues. But he does have one slight regret about the venue of starting his First Division career.

Reflected

"It would have been nice to have done it with Luton," he reflected, "especially as they narrowly missed out on going up in the two seasons I was there.

"But I'd decided the time had come to move on at the end of last season, although I was a little surprised they were prepared to let me go after Paul Price had gone to Tottenham and Alan West had moved to Millwall.

"Because of this," Grealish added, "I think Luton will find it hard to be serious promotion challengers. But I wish them well and would love to play against them in a First Division match at the earliest opportunity."

Irish connection helps Grealish at Brighton



JOHN Brownlie's contract with Newcastle United expires in one year. And before next summer, he is hoping he has achieved a long-time ambition — to play in top-class English football.

The Scottish international full-back came down from over the border three years ago with the determination to sample life in the First Division — but it still eludes him.

Brownlie says: "I want to pit myself against the best players in the country to prove that I can hold my own against this sort of competition. Yet I won't achieve this in the Second Division."

During Brownlie's spell on Tyneside, Newcastle have failed badly in their promotion drives, and he found it particularly frustrating last season, when he was out of action for six months with damaged ligaments.

Anxious

Now, approaching 30, John is more anxious than ever for Newcastle to climb out of Division Two, but is still aware of the problems confronting them.

"We need several players, especially as Stuart Boam, Terry Hibbitt and Peter Kelly will no longer be available to us.

"The danger lies in the fact that the longer the club is struggling, the more it can affect the morale of the people on whom it depends — the fans.

"After being accustomed to seeing Liverpool and Manchester United at St. James' Park, it isn't surprising that the spectators could start staying away."

But in assessing Newcastle's problems, and his own future, Brownlie points out that he has no regrets at his move South.

"I've really enjoyed my time with United, so much so that I



NOW OR NEVER FOR BROWNLIE

wished I had joined a couple of years earlier.

"And I'm still confident that I will get my chances to turn out in the First Division with Newcastle."

In Scotland, Brownlie was a loyal club man with Hibernian for nine years, when he won eight full caps for his country.

At Newcastle, his overlapping runs deep into the opposing half of the field have been a feature of his game. He helped to boost the morale of the team at critical periods, and the Gallowgate fans showed their appreciation by voting Brownlie their "Favourite Magpie" in 1980.

As an indication of Newcastle's determination to make a good start to the new season, the team is doing compulsory summer training on Mondays and Wednesdays.

"It's the first time we've had to report for close season training, and I suppose that some of the players have mixed feelings about it," says John.

"The important thing for us to realise is that we must make a tremendous effort next season — we must get our finger out, because time isn't necessarily on our side.

"And in my own case, I'm keen to accomplish a bit more in the game before it's too late. Twelve months from now I'd like to believe that I'll be negotiating a



Terry Hibbitt, forced to retire at the end of last season.

new contract with Newcastle after they've finished in the top three in the Second Division.

"Of course, that is always providing that United still want me when next June comes along — you can't take anything for granted in football.

"For my part, I will obviously have to weigh up the situation very carefully if we haven't won promotion. So it will be a crunch season for me."

Clarke's back-so

JEFF Clarke made a fighting comeback from a serious knee injury when he turned out for Sunderland at the beginning of August.

The big centre-half was made skipper when the Roker club defeated Hearts 1-0 in the first of their four matches of a pre-season tour in Scotland, and for Jeff it marked the end of a long, gruelling slog back to full fitness.

Before pre-season training proper began, Clark had completed a voluntary three-week fitness session, and he said: "I've put in a tremendous amount of graft over the past nine months, working practically seven days a week, and playing ten reserve matches at the tail-end of last season.

"It all helped to prepare me physically and mentally, because I had always had a slight doubt about the knee holding up under pressure."

If Clarke's knee can stand up to the exacting demands made upon it early in the season, Sunderland boss Alan Durban will breathe easier — especially with Shaun Elliott at present playing for Seattle Sounders in North



will Elliott go?

America, and unavailable to appear for the Roker club for the opening games of 1981-82.

Clarke will also be helped by Joe Bolton's recent move to Middlesbrough.

Elliott, an England "B" defender, has been a Sunderland key-man over the last two years, but if Clarke can recapture his pre-injury form, Elliott could find his future at Roker in jeopardy.

Shaun could lose his place to a Clarke who was 100 per cent fit, and certainly manager Durban was pleased with Jeff's return to the first team.

'Responsibility'

Said Durban: "Clarke has cracked the psychological barrier, and the added responsibility of being captain helped him cope with his immediate struggle to regain match fitness."

Clarke, at 27, is young enough to make a successful return to the big time following the second serious knee injury of his career. In Scotland he made a promising start in his effort to once again become Sunderland's top central defender — he still has some way to go, but Roker fans are hoping he will pull it off.



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M'BORO	MAY 8	SEP 12	JAN 9	APR 24	OCT 24	DEC 5	DEC 28	MAY 4	MAR 27	SEP 22		OCT 10	APR 10	JAN 30	SEP 26	NOV 14	DEC 19	AUG 29	FEB 13	MAR 20	MAR 6
NOTTM. FOREST	NOV 21	APR 24	SEP 26	OCT 17	APR 3	DEC 20	OCT 31	DEC 5	MAR 13	MAY 5	FEB 27		DEC 28	AUG 29	JAN 30	SEP 23	MAY 8	FEB 13	SEP 12	NOV 7	APR 10
NOTTS CO.	OCT 3	JAN 16	APR 17	SEP 5	NOV 24	SEP 19	MAR 27	NOV 14	SEP 1	MAR 20	DEC 26	APR 12		MAR 6	DEC 12	OCT 10	FEB 6	NOV 28	MAY 15	OCT 24	FEB 20
STON	DEC 19	FEB 27	NOV 14	MAY 4	SEP 5	OCT 3	NOV 21	APR 24	FEB 6	DEC 5	SEP 19	JAN 16	OCT 17	NOV 7		MAY 8	DEC 28	OCT 31	MAR 13	FEB 20	SEP 1
STOKE	JAN 16	OCT 24	MAR 20	SEPT 2	OCT 3	NOV 21	DEC 5	DEC 28	SEP 5	DEC 19	FEB 20	SEP 19	MAY 8	NOV 7		APR 10	OCT 17	FEB 27	APR 3	FEB 6	APR 24
SUNDERLAND	FEB 6	APR 12	MAY 1	OCT 3	APR 17	JAN 16	MAR 13	OCT 31	MAY 15	NOV 7	APR 3	NOV 25	FEB 27	DEC 12	DEC 26		FEB 20	OCT 17	NOV 28	SEP 5	SEP 19
SWANSEA	OCT 10	NOV 14	NOV 24	MAR 13	MAY 1	MAR 27	AUG 29	FEB 13	APR 17	JAN 30	MAY 15	DEC 12	SEP 12	APR 13	MAR 6	SEPT 26		SEP 22	JAN 9	DEC 26	OCT 31
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WEST HAM	DEC 5	MAR 6	AUG 29	OCT 10	OCT 10	DEC 28	APR 24	SEP 26	NOV 14	MAY 8	OCT 31	MAR 27	MAR 13	SEP 22	SEP 12	MAY 4	APR 10	JAN 9	JAN 30		DEC 19
WOLVES	APR 3	OCT 24	SEP 22	NOV 7	DEC 12	FEB 27	JAN 9	AUG 29	APR 12	FEB 13	OCT 17	DEC 26	SEP 26	NOV 24	NOV 28	JAN 30	MAR 20	SEP 12	MAY 1	MAY 15	

Read across for home games; down for away, i.e. Barnsley home to Blackburn on Feb 27, away to Blackburn on Oct 10. And you can add the result of the matches the spaces below the dates.

	BARNSELEY	BLACKBURN	BOLTON	CAMBRIDGE	CARDIFF	CHARLTON	CHELSEA	C. PALACE	DERBY	GRIMSBY	LEICESTER	LUTON	NEWCASTLE	NORWICH	OLDHAM	ORIENT	Q.P.R.	ROTHERHAM	SHEFF. WED.	SHREWSBURY	WATFORD	WREXHAM
BARNSELEY		FEB 27	SEP 12	JAN 30	SEP 26	APR 24	MAR 12	DEC 5	APR 10	DEC 28	MAY 4	DEC 19	OCT 17	JAN 9	NOV 7	OCT 31	MAY 8	APR 2	SEP 22	AUG 29	FEB 13	NOV 21
BLACKBURN	OCT 10		APR 12	SEP 23	JAN 30	JAN 9	MAY 15	MAR 27	MAR 6	MAR 13	SEP 26	NOV 14	MAY 1	NOV 28	DEC 26	SEP 12	FEB 13	DEC 12	AUG 29	NOV 25	APR 17	OCT 31
BOLTON	FEB 6	DEC 28		OCT 24	MAR 6	DEC 19	JAN 16	APR 24	MAY 4	OCT 3	SEP 5	APR 10	SEP 8	MAR 20	SEP 19	NOV 21	DEC 5	FEB 20	MAY 8	APR 3	NOV 7	APR 10
CAMBRIDGE	SEP 19	MAY 4	MAR 13		OCT 31	DEC 28	SEP 5	JAN 16	SEP 1	DEC 19	NOV 21	MAY 5	FEB 6	APR 3	FEB 20	DEC 28	DEC 19	SEP 5	NOV 21	NOV 7	OCT 17	DEC 5
CARDIFF	FEB 20	SEP 19	OCT 17	MAR 20		DEC 28	SEP 5	MAY 8	DEC 4	DEC 19	NOV 21	MAY 5	OCT 3	NOV 7	JAN 16	APR 10	APR 24	FEB 6	FEB 27	OCT 24	APR 3	NOV 4
CHARLTON	NOV 28	SEP 5	MAY 15	DEC 12	APR 13		NOV 24	FEB 6	OCT 3	SEP 19	NOV 7	JAN 16	APR 3	DEC 26	OCT 20	MAR 13	OCT 31	APR 17	OCT 17	FEB 27	MAY 1	FEB 20
CHELSEA	OCT 24	DEC 19	AUG 29	FEB 13	JAN 9	SEP 23	APR 12	DEC 28	APR 24	NOV 21	MAR 6	MAY 8	NOV 7	SEP 26	APR 3	MAY 5	APR 10	MAR 20	DEC 5	JAN 30	SEP 12	OCT 10
C. PALACE	MAY 1	NOV 7	NOV 28	AUG 29	DEC 12	SEP 12	APR 12		OCT 24	APR 3	FEB 13	MAR 20	MAY 15	NOV 24	APR 17	SEP 22	JAN 30	OCT 10	JAN 9	SEP 26	DEC 26	MAR 6
DERBY	DEC 26	OCT 17	SEP 23	NOV 25	MAY 1	FEB 13	NOV 28	MAR 13	MAR 20		SEPT 12	MAR 27	FEB 27	APR 17	DEC 12	AUG 29	SEP 26	DEC 26	SEP 26	DEC 12	NOV 24	MAY 15
GRIMSBY	APR 9	OCT 24	FEB 13	OCT 10	MAY 15	JAN 30	APR 17	NOV 14	MAR 20		AUG 28	MAR 6	NOV 28	SEP 22	MAY 1	JAN 9	SEP 12	DEC 26	SEP 26	DEC 12	NOV 24	MAR 27
LEICESTER	SEP 8	FEB 20	FEB 27	NOV 28	APR 17	MAR 27	OCT 16	OCT 3	FEB 6	JAN 16		SEP 19	DEC 26	MAY 1	APR 12	NOV 14	MAR 13	NOV 24	OCT 31	MAY 15	DEC 12	SEP 5
LUTON	MAY 15	APR 3	NOV 24	DEC 26	SEP 22	AUG 29	DEC 12	OCT 31	NOV 7	OCT 17	JAN 30		APR 17	APR 12	FEB 27	FEB 13	JAN 9	NOV 28	SEP 12	APR 30	SEP 26	MAR 12
NEWCASTLE	MAR 6	DEC 5	JAN 9	SEP 12	FEB 13	NOV 14	MAR 27	DEC 19	OCT 10	APR 24	APR 10	NOV 21		JAN 30	MAR 20	SEP 26	MAY 5	OCT 24	DEC 28	SEP 23	AUG 29	MAY 8
NORWICH	SEP 5	APR 24	OCT 31	NOV 14	MAR 27	APR 10	FEB 20	SEP 2	NOV 21	MAY 5	DEC 5	DEC 28	SEP 19		OCT 3	MAY 8	FEB 27	JAN 15	DEC 19	OCT 17	MAR 13	FEB 6
OLDHAM	MAR 27	APR 10	JAN 30	SEP 26	AUG 29	MAY 4	NOV 14	NOV 21	MAY 8	DEC 5	DEC 28	OCT 10	OCT 31	FEB 13		DEC 19	SEP 22	MAR 6	MAR 13	SEP 12	JAN 9	APR 24
ORIENT	MAR 20	FEB 6	APR 17	APR 12	DEC 26	OCT 25	SEP 29	FEB 21	JAN 16	SEP 5	APR 3	OCT 3	NOV 24	DEC 12	MAY 15		OCT 18	MAY 1	NOV 7	NOV 28	FEB 27	SEP 19
Q.P.R.	DEC 12	OCT 3	MAY 1	MAY 15	NOV 28	MAR 20	DEC 26	SEP 19	FEB 20	FEB 6	OCT 24	SEP 1	SEP 5	OCT 10	NOV 24	MAR 6		NOV 7	APR 3	APR 17	APR 12	JAN 16
ROTHERHAM	NOV 14	MAY 8	SEP 26	JAN 9	SEP 12	NOV 21	OCT 31	FEB 27	DEC 28	APR 10	SEP 22	APR 24	MAR 13	AUG 29	OCT 17	DEC 5	MAR 27		MAY 4	FEB 13	JAN 30	DEC 18
SHEFF. WED.	NOV 24	JAN 16	DEC 12	APR 17	OCT 10	MAR 6	MAY 1	SEP 5	SEP 19	FEB 20	MAR 20	FEB 6	APR 12	MAY 15	OCT 24	MAR 27	NOV 14	SEP 8		DEC 26	NOV 28	OCT 3
SHREWSBURY	JAN 16	SEP 1	NOV 14	MAR 27	MAR 13	OCT 10	SEP 19	MAY 4	SEP 5	MAY 8	DEC 19	DEC 5	FEB 20	MAR 6	FEB 6	APR 24	NOV 21	OCT 3	APR 10		OCT 31	DEC 28
WATFORD	OCT 3	NOV 21	MAR 27	MAR 6	NOV 14	DEC 5	FEB 6	APR 9	DEC 19	SEP 1	MAY 8	FEB 20	JAN 16	OCT 24	SEP 5	OCT 10	DEC 28	SEP 19	APR 24	MAR 20		MAY 4
WREXHAM	APR 17	MAR 20	DEC 26	MAY 1	NOV 24	SEP 26	FEB 27	OCT 17	APR 3	NOV 7	JAN 9	OCT 24	DEC 12	SEP 12	NOV 28	JAN 30	AUG 29	MAY 15	FEB 13	APR 12	SEP 22	

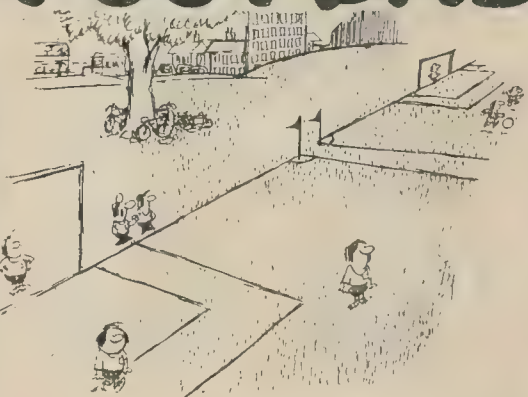
Read across for home games:
down for away, i.e. Brentford
at home to Bristol C. on Nov 7,
away to Bristol C. on Mar 27.
And you can add the result of
the matches in the spaces
below the date.

BRENTFORD	BRISTOL C.	BRISTOL RVRS.	BURNLEY	CARLISLE	CHESTER	CHESTERFIELD	DONCASTER	EXETER	FULHAM	GILLINGHAM	HUDDERSFIELD	LINCOLN	MILLWALL	NEWPORT	OXFORD	PLYMOUTH	PORTSMOUTH	PRESTON	READING	SOUTHEND	SWINDON	WALSALL	WIMBLETON
BRENTFORD	NOV 7	JAN 16	OCT 31	OCT 3	NOV 28	MAR 13	MAY 1	FEB 27	JAN 23	SEP 21	JAN 2	OCT 17	APR 9	FEB 20	APR 3	SEP 19	FEB 6	APR 17	MAY 15	OCT 19	MAR 15	SEP 5	DEC 26
BRISTOL C.	MAR 27	APR 12	NOV 28	JAN 23	MAY 15	OCT 31	SEP 5	DEC 26	FEB 6	MAY 1	JAN 16	MAR 13	MAR 16	SEP 19	MAR 6	SEP 22	FEB 20	OCT 10	OCT 20	NOV 14	APR 17	OCT 3	JAN 2
BRISTOL RVRS.	MAY 3	DEC 28	SEP 12	DEC 19	AUG 29	JAN 9	MAR 20	FEB 9	DEC 5	NOV 7	OCT 24	SEP 26	APR 3	NOV 3	MAR 9	MAY 8	APR 10	FEB 13	JAN 30	FEB 27	OCT 17	APR 24	SEP 29
BURNLEY	MAR 20	APR 24	SEP 28	MAY 4	NOV 3	DEC 28	SEP 22	OCT 17	OCT 24	JAN 23	SEP 19	APR 10	FEB 20	JAN 16	DEC 5	SEP 5	FEB 27	MAR 9	APR 3	DEC 19	OCT 3	MAY 8	NOV 7
CARLISLE	FEB 13	AUG 29	MAR 17	DEC 28	APR 13	FEB 9	NOV 3	JAN 9	MAY 5	FEB 6	MAR 9	JAN 30	APR 17	MAR 20	SEP 26	OCT 17	APR 3	DEC 26	JAN 2	SEP 12	FEB 27	OCT 24	MAY 1
CHESTER	APR 24	DEC 18	MAR 17	SEP 22	MAR 9	OCT 21	OCT 3	NOV 14	MAY 5	FEB 6	FEB 20	MAY 8	SEP 19	APR 10	OCT 10	MAR 13	JAN 16	MAR 27	OCT 31	DEC 5	SEP 5	SEP 23	MAR 6
CHESTERFIELD	OCT 24	MAR 20	APR 12	SEP 22	MAR 9	APR 10	DEC 26	APR 17	SEP 19	MAY 15	NOV 3	APR 3	JAN 16	JAN 23	NOV 7	FEB 20	OCT 3	JAN 2	FEB 27	OCT 17	MAY 1	FEB 6	NOV 28
DONCASTER	SEP 26	JAN 9	FEB 9	MAR 6	APR 3	DEC 5	FEB 6	SEP 11	MAY 8	APR 3	NOV 6	OCT 20	OCT 17	FEB 27	DEC 29	APR 24	DEC 28	MAY 5	AUG 29	MAY 4	MAR 12	DEC 19	JAN 29
EXETER	OCT 10	APR 10	MAR 6	SEP 5	APR 3	DEC 5	FEB 6	SEP 11	MAY 8	APR 3	NOV 6	OCT 20	OCT 17	FEB 27	DEC 29	APR 24	DEC 28	MAY 5	AUG 29	MAY 4	MAR 12	DEC 19	JAN 29
FULHAM	AUG 29	SEP 12	MAR 13	MAR 27	SEP 26	JAN 30	JAN 2	OCT 20	APR 10	DEC 26	FEB 27	JAN 9	NOV 28	OCT 17	FEB 13	MAR 16	OCT 31	MAY 15	MAY 1	SEP 29	APR 13	NOV 14	FEB 9
GILLINGHAM	FEB 9	SEP 29	AUG 29	APR 24	SEP 12	DEC 22	NOV 14	SEP 26	APR 10	DEC 26	FEB 27	MAY 4	MAR 12	DEC 28	MAY 8	FEB 27	OCT 20	JAN 30	JAN 9	MAR 16	SEP 19	NOV 14	FEB 9
HUDDERSFIELD	MAY 8	MAR 13	JAN 30	SEP 19	JAN 2	MAR 16	MAR 27	AUG 29	OCT 10	MAR 6	SEP 27	DEC 28	OCT 31	DEC 19	JAN 9	DEC 5	APR 24	FEB 9	FEB 13	SEP 26	NOV 14	APR 10	SEP 12
LINCOLN	MAR 6	OCT 24	DEC 26	SEP 19	JAN 2	NOV 14	MAR 10	MAY 15	SEP 5	JAN 16	APR 12	DEC 28	SEP 23	OCT 3	MAR 20	DEC 18	JAN 23	NOV 4	APR 17	MAR 27	NOV 28	FEB 20	OCT 10
MILLWALL	DEC 28	NOV 3	SEP 26	DEC 5	JAN 30	MAY 4	MAR 6	FEB 13	APR 24	OCT 24	MAR 20	FEB 9	SEP 23	OCT 3	SEP 29	DEC 18	MAY 8	AUG 29	SEP 13	APR 12	MAR 27	OCT 11	JAN 9
NEWPORT	SEP 29	JAN 30	MAR 16	OCT 31	DEC 26	AUG 29	OCT 10	NOV 28	MAR 7	APR 12	MAY 15	FEB 13	OCT 20	DEC 19	SEP 12	NOV 14	MAR 13	SEP 26	FEB 9	JAN 9	JAN 2	MAR 27	APR 17
OXFORD	NOV 14	OCT 17	APR 17	FEB 20	FEB 27	MAR 27	APR 12	MAR 17	OCT 3	JAN 2	SEP 5	OCT 31	MAY 1	FEB 6	SEP 29	JAN 23	SEP 23	NOV 28	DEC 26	MAR 13	JAN 17	SEP 19	MAY 15
PLYMOUTH	JAN 30	FEB 9	JAN 9	MAR 6	OCT 24	SEP 26	NOV 28	APR 9	NOV 3	OCT 10	APR 17	SEP 12	MAY 15	APR 4	AUG 29	NOV 7	NOV 7	MAY 1	SEP 29	FEB 13	DEC 26	MAR 20	MAR 9
PORTSMOUTH	SEP 12	SEP 26	DEC 26	NOV 14	MAY 1	FEB 13	APR 17	SEP 29	MAR 20	MAR 9	NOV 28	AUG 29	JAN 2	OCT 24	FEB 9	MAR 27	NOV 7	JAN 9	APR 12	JAN 30	MAY 15	MAR 6	NOV 3
PRESTON	DEC 5	FEB 27	OCT 3	APR 10	NOV 7	MAY 8	FEB 20	MAR 13	DEC 19	SEP 19	SEP 22	MAR 16	JAN 23	MAY 4	APR 24	JAN 16	SEP 5	NOV 28	OCT 17	APR 24	FEB 6	DEC 28	APR 3
READING	DEC 19	MAR 10	SEP 19	MAY 8	MAR 20	OCT 10	JAN 23	MAR 27	JAN 16	SEP 5	OCT 3	DEC 5	FEB 6	SEP 23	APR 10	MAY 5	DEC 28	MAR 6	NOV 27	APR 24	FEB 20	NOV 4	OCT 24
SOUTHEND	MAR 8	APR 3	OCT 9	FEB 6	APR 17	MAR 5	JAN 16	JAN 1	FEB 19	NOV 2	MAY 1	NOV 7	DEC 26	SEP 4	OCT 24	OCT 3	SEP 19	MAR 19	NOV 27	SEP 21	SEP 21	JAN 23	APR 9
SWINDON	NOV 3	DEC 5	MAR 6	OCT 10	JAN 10	SEP 29	OCT 24	JAN 31	DEC 28	MAR 20	APR 3	APR 24	NOV 7	MAY 8	MAY 4	APR 10	DEC 19	SEP 12	SEP 26	FEB 9	MAR 9	AUG 29	SEP 26
WALSALL	JAN 9	FEB 13	NOV 28	MAR 13	FEB 9	SEP 12	MAY 15	MAY 1	APR 3	APR 17	DEC 26	SEP 25	FEB 27	NOV 7	JAN 30	OCT 31	OCT 17	APR 13	MAR 16	AUG 29	OCT 20	SEP 26	SEP 26
WIMBLETON	APR 12	MAY 8	FEB 20	JAN 16	OCT 17	APR 24	SEP 19	OCT 31	SEP 22	OCT 3	FEB 6	FEB 27	SEP 5	DEC 5	DEC 19	OCT 20	MAR 16	NOV 14	MAR 13	DEC 18	JAN 23	MAY 4	

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down for away, i.e. Aldershot
at home to Blackpool on Oct
17, away to Blackpool on Mar
6. And you can add the result of
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ALDRSHOT	BLACKPOOL	BOURNEMOUTH	BRADFORD	BURY	COLCHESTER	CREWE	DARLINGTON	HALIFAX	HARTLEPOOL	HEREFORD	HULL	MANSFIELD	NORTHAMPTON	PETERBOROUGH	PORT VALE	ROCHDALE	SCUNTHORPE	SHEFF. UTD.	STOCKPORT	TORQUAY	TRANMERE	WIGAN	YORK
	OCT 17	OCT 20	FEB 28	NOV 7	FEB 9	JAN 31	AUG 29	SEP 12	OCT 31	APR 12	MAR 12	SEP 26	DEC 26	MAR 16	APR 3	FEB 14	MAY 1	APR 17	JAN 9	JAN 3	NOV 28	MAY 15	SEP 29
MAR 6		NOV 14	NOV 28	NOV 4	APR 17	SEP 12	JAN 30	SEP 30	MAY 15	MAY 1	SEP 26	FEB 13	JAN 2	MAR 27	OCT 24	FEB 10	JAN 9	MAR 20	AUG 29	OCT 10	DEC 26	APR 9	MAR 10
MAR 9	APR 3		JAN 2	OCT 24	DEC 26	AUG 29	SEP 12	JAN 30	APR 17	MAY 15	MAY 1	JAN 9	OCT 10	MAR 6	NOV 7	SEP 26	NOV 3	NOV 28	FEB 13	APR 13	MAR 20	SEP 29	FEB 9
OCT 11	APR 25	MAY 8		DEC 28	SEP 26	MAY 5	FEB 10	APR 10	NOV 8	JAN 30	JAN 9	DEC 20	MAR 7	DEC 5	NOV 4	SEP 30	FEB 14	OCT 24	MAR 10	MAR 21	APR 3	AUG 29	SEP 12
MAR 27	MAR 16	MAR 13	APR 12		MAY 1	FEB 9	SEP 26	FEB 13	JAN 2	JAN 9	NOV 28	JAN 30	OCT 31	NOV 14	OCT 17	AUG 29	SEP 29	DEC 26	SEP 12	APR 17	FEB 27	OCT 20	MAY 15
SEP 22	DEC 4	APR 10	FEB 19	JAN 16		DEC 18	APR 24	MAR 12	JAN 2	JAN 9	MAR 26	MAR 16	OCT 2	DEC 28	MAY 3	FEB 26	NOV 13	FEB 6	MAY 7	SEP 18	SEP 4	OCT 30	OCT 16
SEP 18	FEB 5	JAN 23	JAN 15	SEP 23	MAY 15		NOV 14	OCT 31	MAR 17	JAN 2	APR 17	MAR 13	MAR 27	FEB 19	OCT 2	OCT 21	OCT 10	MAY 1	MAR 6	SEP 6	APR 12	DEC 26	NOV 28
JAN 23	SEP 19	FEB 6	SEP 22	FEB 20	NOV 28	APR 4		OCT 20	APR 12	MAR 13	DEC 26	OCT 17	APR 17	OCT 3	SEP 5	OCT 31	JAN 2	MAY 15	NOV 7	JAN 16	MAY 1	MAR 16	FEB 27
FEB 6	FEB 20	SEP 19	DEC 26	OCT 3	OCT 24	MAR 20	MAR 9	SEP 26	MAY 1	FEB 27	MAY 15	NOV 7	MAY 4	SEP 5	JAN 23	OCT 17	NOV 28	APR 12	APR 2	NOV 3	SEP 22	APR 17	JAN 2
MAR 20	DEC 19	DEC 5	MAR 27	MAY 8	AUG 29	NOV 4	DEC 28	SEP 26		FEB 13	SEP 30	MAY 5	NOV 14	OCT 10	APR 24	JAN 9	FEB 10	MAR 6	APR 10	OCT 24	MAR 10	SEP 12	JAN 30
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NOV 14	MAR 13	MAR 27	MAR 15	MAR 6	SEP 28	FEB 13	JAN 9	AUG 29	NOV 28	DEC 26	OCT 31	SEP 12	APR 12	OCT 19		JAN 30	APR 17	OCT 10	SEP 26	MAY 15	JAN 2	FEB 8	MAY 1
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That really is my big ambition for 1981-82, linked of course with a World Cup winners' medal.

Spotlight

But more of Scotland and our World Cup ambitions in a later Tartan Talk. This week I would like to turn the spotlight on we Celts and just what the new season means to everyone at Parkhead.

I believe that manager Billy McNeill has put together a squad really capable of making an impression. I know that we are already Champions of Scotland, but

such is the standard at Celtic Park that really is not quite enough.

The boss bought only one player in the close season, centre-half Willie Garner in a £42,000 deal from Aberdeen ... a move which allowed big Roddie MacDonald to sign for Hearts.

These tour games showed big Willie to be a player of real class and there can be no doubt that the transfer fee was a bargain. He slotted in well with the rest of the squad.

Last term was a transitional one for so many of our pool, winter months when players could establish themselves in the first team.

Look at Pat Bonner for example. The Irishman was given his chance at the beginning of the season to take over from Peter Latchford and finished it with Peter never getting a look-in and with a rating as one of the best 'keepers in the Premier Division.

Now he is on the threshold of winning the number one spot in the

Fire squad and that must help his Celtic career.

Then there is Charlie Nicholas. He really exploded on to Scottish football last season, winning an Under-21 cap in the process, but he knows that it is this one which will really count.

He has a reputation now and there are defenders who might not fancy it too much. He will have to be prepared to accept extra marking ... and that goes for European games as well as on the domestic front.

Davie Provan, too, faces a vital time. He finished 80-81 back in his best form and was included in the Scotland squad for the British Championship and that victory over England at Wembley.

Now he wants to remain in Jock Stein's plans for the World Cup

games, both at the qualifying and final stages.

Everyone at Parkhead knows that the challenge for our Championship will be strong coming from Rangers and Aberdeen — as ever — and the rapidly threatening Dundee United who, quite apart from chasing their third consecutive League Cup triumph are now convinced that they are good enough to take the title.

Billy McNeill won't be scared to hit the transfer market again, but he is well aware that he is in charge of a



Goalkeeper Pat Bonner has made encouraging progress.

youth policy that is working — and working well.

Charlie Nicholas, Mark Reid and John Weir didn't appear from thin air. They are the produce of a searching and sewing process which has to be tended very carefully.

Pat Bonner came through that way and perhaps this season it will be the turn of John Halpin, a young winger who made last close season's trip to West Germany with Charlie Nicholas.

Outclassed

John is a fine player and at times his touches outclassed Nich, but he failed to hit the top team as his pal did.

This time maybe he will make it or suddenly will appear one of the other teenage wizards who are currently kept in check by Bobby Lennox, now reserve team coach at Parkhead.

And what about yours truly, currently wallowing in the honour of being captain of club and country?

Well, I have admitted already to my dream of European Cup and World Cup double, but the Chinese have a proverb which I always thought made a lot of sense.

It says that any 10,000 miles journey begins with the first step. In football language that means we will take each game as it comes.

So bring on Juventus!

See you in two weeks.

Danny McGrain

LAST SEASON'S RECORD

League: Champions. Scottish Cup: Semi-Finalists.
League Cup: Semi-Finalists.

HONOURS

Scottish Champions: 32 times. Scottish Cup winners: 26 times. Scottish League Cup winners: Eight times. European Cup winners: 1966-67. Runners-up: 1969-70.



Celtic's Davie Provan helping the Scots to victory over England at Wembley.

CEL



BACK ROW (left to right): Charlie Nicholas, Dom Sullivan, Tom McAdam, Peter Latchford, Pat Bonner, Roy Aitken, Willie Garner, Tommy Burns

ETIC



FRONT ROW: Mark Reid, Frank McGarvey, George McCluskey, Danny McGrain,
Davie Provan, Murdo MacLeod, Johnny Doyle, Mick Conroy.

SHOOT!

ARE wingers on the way back?

Can that exciting band of free-running footballers, who had become increasingly conspicuous only by their absence over the last 15 years in the wake of Alf Ramsey's 'wingless wonders' of the 1960's, really be making a comeback?

Those who have mourned the gradual disappearance of the flank men have surely been given fresh hope that through the success last season of sides like Aston Villa, Tottenham Hotspur and West Ham, wingers are making, and will continue to make, a long overdue, and most welcome return.

The reluctance of managers to employ men on the flanks has stemmed mainly through the thinking of the coaches of the modern game who, in recent years, have described wingers as a luxury success-seeking sides could

ON A WING

Aston Villa's Tony Morley has helped to make wingers fashionable once again.



Manchester City's Tommy Hutchison tests F.A. Cup Final opponent Chris Hughton.

easily do without.

But last season, Ron Saunders at Aston Villa produced a winger in Tony Morley who was certainly no luxury to the Midland side. Morley worked his ticket, as everyone does in any side managed by Saunders. He carries no passengers in his teams.

And while the craggy boss of the new Football League Champions refers only to team performances, and is reluctant to be drawn into picking out any so-called stars, there's no hiding his delight at the performances and contribution of his speedy flanker.

Last season Morley combined superbly what the coaches call work-rate, with what the purists call entertainment and flair.

He *did* fall back to help his defence when they were under pressure. He *did* involve himself in the hustle and bustle of midfield creativity. But it was when he was going forward, running at full-backs, committing defenders and,

England winger Peter Barnes takes on the Brazilian defence at Wembley.

more often than not, going past them, that he really set the pulse racing.

It didn't finish there, either. Because Tony was equally adept at setting up chances for his fellow front-runners, Peter Withe and Gary Shaw, or going for goal himself. His ten League goals for Villa were a vital contribution in the club's title quest.

While Villa were taking the Championship, with a lot of Morley's help, Tottenham Hotspur were carrying off the country's other major honour, the F.A. Cup, with a winger of their own in Tony Galvin.

More of a 'manufactured' as opposed to a 'natural' winger like Morley, Galvin nonetheless operated with considerable effect for Spurs in the League, and along that victorious Wembley trail. His task was to pull defenders wide — stretch the opposition's defence

across the park, and not allow them to muster in depth in the middle. Because it was there, through the subtle skills of Hoddle and Ardiles, and the live-wire bursts of deadly duo Crooks and Archibald, that Tottenham were at their most dangerous.

Spurs' opponents in the memorable replayed Wembley Final, Manchester City, also employed the services of a winger in Tommy Hutchison. And what a revelation he turned out to be. Hutch was languishing in the Coventry reserves when new Maine Road boss, John Bond, called on him to help rescue a City side looking destined for Division Two.

Challenge

At 33, Tommy might be a veteran in some eyes, but the new challenge certainly put a fresh spring in his step.

"I suppose I'm what you call an old-fashioned winger," says Tommy. "I was brought up to get the ball and run at defenders. And that is something that has never been coached out of me. Most of the young lads are now taught to pass the ball first time. But the pleasing thing for me last season was that most of the full-backs I came up against didn't know how to handle someone as direct as me. So I fancied my chances



against any of them."

Another winger who proved himself equally difficult to handle, this time for Second Division defences, was Jimmy Neighbour. Bought from Norwich by John Lyall for The Hammers' push in 1979-80, Neighbour never really lived up to his reputation. But last season found him in a far more determined mood, and he soon had Lyall, and the West Ham fans, singing his praises.

"There's nothing our crowd enjoys more than a winger taking on defenders, and beating them," says Lyall. "That's exactly what Jimmy did to great effect for us. Like all wingers, he's an individual-

AND A PRAYER!

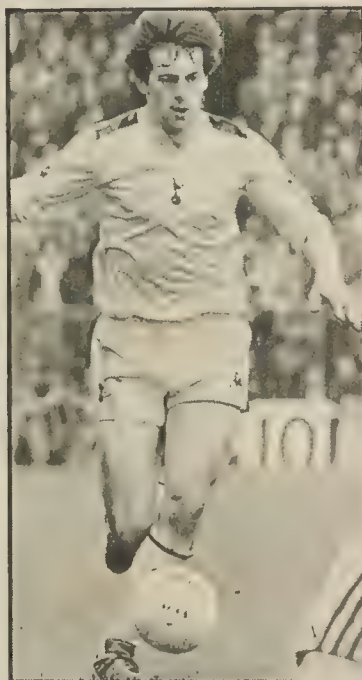
ist, and took time to settle in. But he came to terms with the situation, and was well worth his place in the side."

It was Neighbour who popped up with probably the most vital goal of his career to put Hammers into the League Cup Final. And don't forget it was his skill, darting run and inch perfect cross which set up Paul Goddard's goal in the Final replay which really rocked favourites Liverpool.

Peter Barnes, too, arguably England's most gifted winger since the days of Stanley Matthews and Tom Finney, once again began to display all his old confidence as West Bromwich Albion, after a poor start, proved themselves a team to watch in the future.

As you might expect, Barnes fervently believes we must find a permanent place in English soccer for wingers once again.

"It would be a sad day for our soccer if wingers disappeared altogether," he says. "Any manager who really cares for attacking football should put his faith in wingers. There's no better way to pull defences apart and expose them. That's the way to provide entertainment, the sort of thing



Tony Galvin (above) plays an underestimated role out wide for Spurs.

that fans all over the country want to see."

Now Barnes will be seeking to turn it on for Leeds following his recent big-money move from The Hawthorns. For, on his day, Barnes is one of the most dangerous forwards around.

And what about Leighton James down at Swansea? He re-captured all his old Welsh wizardry to become a vital cog in The Swans' history-making promotion success. On the way, Leighton helped

to dispel another argument against wingers — that they don't score enough goals. His tally of 17 made him the club's top scorer — and really set those Welsh voices singing.

"I've never enjoyed my football more than since I came here," says Leighton. "The boss, John Toshack, has given me the freedom to play the way that suits me best, and I think my performances last season fully justified his faith in me."

Meanwhile at Sheffield Wednesday, Terry Curran was delighting the paying customers, too, with all the tricks of a winger's trade, as Jack Charlton's men came close to winning promotion for the second successive season.

Steve Coppell, while occupying several different roles for Manchester United last season, never really pleased the Old Trafford crowd more than when going past defenders down that right flank, and providing the ammunition for big Joe Jordan.

Admiration

On the international front, Ron Greenwood, whose admiration for wingers hasn't always been reflected in his England team selections, recently indicated that he too would very much like to get back to the pattern of playing two wide front runners, which brought him immediate success when he first took over the national side in 1977.

Steve Coppell and Peter Barnes were the stars of that match, a superb 2-0 victory over the Italians at Wembley.

"It was a simple style we employed then," says Greenwood. "If we could have kept it going, instead of being pipped on goal difference for a place in Argentina, perhaps our club sides would have followed suit."

"Many top nations are now playing with wingers, but unfortunately we don't seem to play that way at club level."

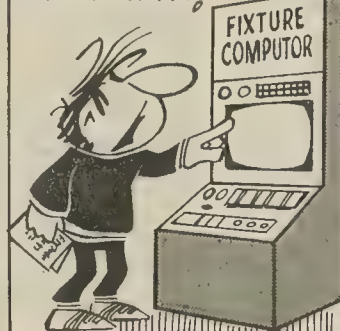
Perhaps, through the performances of players like Tony Morley and the others we have mentioned, and the success of their clubs, that is a situation which is about to be changed.



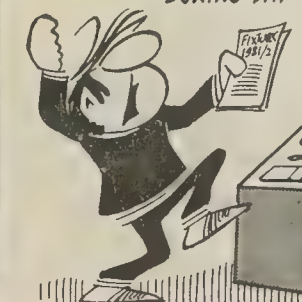
Jimmy Neighbour has rediscovered his touch with West Ham.

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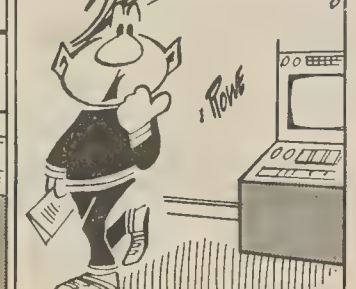
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Cooper's the man

I WOULD like to point out that the title "It's Lukie or Bailey or nobody" is absolutely absurd. You were right that Shilton, Clemence and Corrigan are on the wrong side of 30, but you were wrong in stating that all of the other English goalkeepers in the First Division are not up to international standing. I'm amazed you included Ipswich's Paul Cooper, so rightly named their Player of the Year, in this group.

He has played marvellously between the posts for Ipswich and his penalty saving record over the past few years cannot be ignored.

I'll admit he's 28, but he still has many years left in the top flight. It's amazing he's never played for England, but I believe there is still plenty of time before the World Cup Finals, if we qualify, for Ron Greenwood to give him a game.

So the situation you called very worrying is not so bad after all. Ron Greenwood, please take note.

IPSWICH FAN,
BEDDINGFIELD.

● Cooper's a steady 'keeper, but I can't see him playing for England now. By the time Shilton and Clemence are past their best, Cooper will be, too. We must look to a younger man — but who?



★ This week's Star Letter games from N. Roberts of Sawtry, who wins our Special Prize of £10. He writes:

ASK THE FANS!

JACK Dunnott the new president of the Football League stated: "I have always been against football on TV, and I have been proved right by the way it is affecting gates at matches."

It's no use asking yourselves why the gates are down. You've got to ask the people who have stayed away. It's the only way you're going to find out.

If a full page questionnaire was placed in the daily papers asking why supporters of yesterday have turned their backs on spectating from the terraces then you may come to the conclusion why the gates have fallen.

But I'm sure TV will not be near the top of the reasons. How can TV be blamed for gates going down at clubs like Newcastle, Oxford and Bradford? None of these clubs were exactly over-exposed on our screens.

Is it the football system? Marriage? Mortgages? Unemployment? Loss of interest? Clubs getting rid of local heroes? Not so many goals? Lack of football entertainment? Paying off for a new car, etc? Football violence? Clubs getting relegated? Work on Saturdays?

All these questions have answers to them, and you must find the deserted fan to find them out.

I'm an Arsenal season ticket holder and unemployed — but being without a job doesn't stop me from going. I know it's hard making ends meet but, "Saturday is Soccer day" and that's that.

The Gunners are frequently televised, but there's nothing better than live football atmosphere. It's just not the same on TV.

● I think you'd find a variety of reasons, not one in particular.

Reds' blue skies

AS A Manchester United fan I can see only blue skies ahead now that Ron Atkinson has taken over.

I know Dave Sexton was a great guy, but under him United became defensive also-rans.

Every fan remembers Ron's Albion hammering United 5-3 a couple of seasons ago and since then, attacking play has been a highlight of his management.

I feel confident that United will soon be back where they belong — at the forefront of British and European football.

BARRY TURNER,
WINDSOR.

● Rome wasn't built in a day...

Pen-Pal

I'M a 14-year-old Malaysian boy who supports Manchester United, Liverpool and West Ham. I'd like to write to fans of these clubs who live in England.

AZAHAR SAFAHAN,
714, JLN, SATU,
KPG SILENG,
LUNDU,
SARAWAK,
E. MALAYSIA.

Loss or gain?

THE actions of Jimmy Hill at Coventry City, making the Highfield Road ground an all-seater and preventing travelling support from obtaining anything but £5 tickets, show a willingness to act on the problem of hooliganism in the football grounds of England.

However, I feel that these measures will not prove profitable to Coventry City, even in the long run.

The large away following of clubs like Manchester City and United, Liverpool and Aston Villa, will not be able to afford £5 despite their loyalty and hence valuable revenue will be lost to Coventry City and to the game in general.

P. CLEGG,
SUTTON COLDFIELD.

● If hooliganism is eliminated from Highfield Road then Coventry will have profited handsomely.

England need Crooks

NOW that the dust has finally settled after England's admittedly creditable victory in Budapest, the time is perhaps ripe for objective analysis.

The likelihood is that they will reach Spain, but on present form and managerial policy, at best they will gain nothing more than creditable draws or narrow wins given weak opposition.

They will definitely not regain any friends. Their play is unimaginative, stereotyped and lacks sparkle.

Even in Hungary it was only a couple of players who dragged the football from the mediocre to acceptability.

The likes of Neal, Wilkins, Coppell, Mariner and Mills, solid as they are, just don't win World Cups. Players with skill, imagination and a will to win do. England have two on the sidelines, Hoddle and Crooks.

It is unforgivable that a player of the sparkling quality of Crooks cannot even gain a place in the squad. Apart from his purely footballing talents, he is intelligent, mature and has a terrific will to win and would be a splendid ambassador for England on and off the field.

JOHN MCCUSKER,
NEWRY.

● No one really expects England to win the World Cup, so you can't criticise them for not doing so. I think the last two competitions have missed the glamour England give to the tournament.



Garth Crooks beats Forest and England keeper Peter Shilton

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Debuts

What were the dates, and opponents, of the full England debuts of Ray Clemence and Peter Shilton?

RAVI TOLANI,
INDONESIA

● Shilton made it first, Ravi — in the 3-1 Wembley win over East Germany on 25th November, 1970.

Clemence had to wait until the 1-0 Cardiff win over Wales on 15th November, 1972.

Honours

What major trophies have Nottingham Forest won?

MELVYN DIAS,
KENYA

● Although formed in 1865, and being elected to the Football League in 1892, Melvyn, it wasn't until the 1977-78 season that they took the Championship.

After which, of course, it was all-go for Clough's lads — with the European Cup in the next two seasons, and also the "Super Cup" in 1980.

Forest were also Division Two Champions in 1907 and 1922 — and Division (Three) Champs in 1951.

And they won the F.A. Cup in 1898 and 1959; the Football League Cup in 1978 and 1979; and the Anglo-Scottish Cup in 1977.

Own-goal

What was the quickest own-goal scored in the Football League?

ANDREW WEBSTER,
WALSALL

● Everton's England international Tommy Wright seems to hold that honour, Andrew.

He scored in the wrong net against Liverpool — of all people! — 33 seconds after the start of the Merseyside local derby on 4th March, 1972.

Then, would you believe it, poor old Tommy beat it with another one in 32 seconds against Manchester City the following Saturday!

Incidentally, in a Fourth Round F.A. Cup tie on 26th January, 1974, Bradford City's David Fretwell scored for Luton only 20 seconds after the kick-off.

SHORT PASSES

● Eight clubs with names beginning with "B" have won the F.A. Cup — Blackburn Rovers (six times), Bolton (four), Bury (two), Barnsley, Blackburn Olympic, Blackpool, Bradford City, and Burnley.

(GEORGE RUDELL, Co. Armagh)

● Brian Kidd gained both his two full England caps in 1970 — in the 3-1 win over Northern Ireland at Wembley on 21st April; and (coming on as sub) in the 2-0 win over Ecuador in Quito on 24th May.

(J. BENDETOW, London, SE25)

● Q.P.R. defender Ian Gillard has gained three full England caps; he also played in five Under-23 games.

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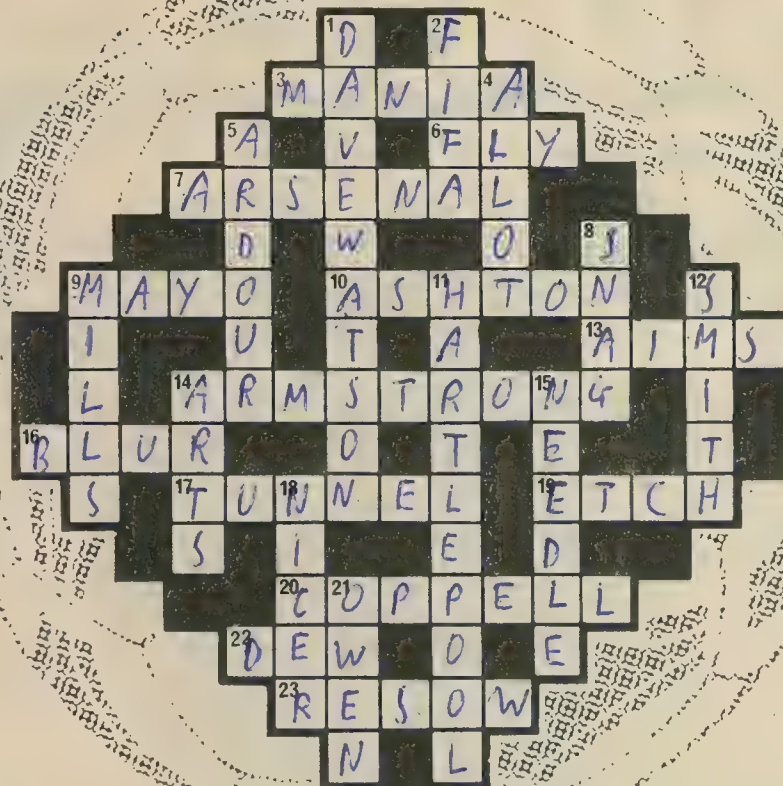
ON THE BALL CROSSWORD

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- (13) ---chester Un-ted play at Old Tr-ford (5)
 (10) Speed to overseas games! (3)
 (17) 1970 winners of the Fairs Cup. (7)
 (19) Joe —, Orient striker. (4)
 (10) — Gate; ground of Bristol City. (6)
 (12) Ambitions. (4)
 (14) David —, recent Southampton signing. (9)
 (16) Confused effect. (4)
 (17) Passage under the stand. (6)
 (19) Swansea play at the V-- Field (4)
 (20) Steve —, Manchester United striker. (7)
 (22) Early moisture on the pitch. (3)
 (23) Put fresh grass seed on the pitch. (5)

DOWN:—

- (11) Southampton defender. (4 & 6)
 (2) International soccer's governing body (initially). (4)
 (4) Assign. (5)
 (5) Zeal or eagerness. (6)
 (8) Unexpected obstacle. (4)
 (9) Mick —, Ipswich defender. (5)
 (11) Fourth Division club from Victoria Ground. (10)
 (12) Gordon —, Brighton midfielder. (5)
 (14) Skills. (4)
 (15) Local derbies often produce this. (6)
 (18) If Coventry City, Wrexham, East Fife, Watford & Arsenal give "VESTS", what do Manchester City, Brighton, Rochdale, Brentford & Derby County give? (5)
 (21) Gary —, West Bromwich Albion midfielder player. (4)



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CHAMPIONS Celtic topped another table in Scotland last season — but you won't find them shouting about it.

Despite their success in winning the Premier Division title the Parkhead side actually lost more fans than any of the other 37 sides North of the border.

The hard facts are that a total of 575,769 spectators clicked through the Celtic Park turnstiles two seasons ago for League and League Cup matches. But last season the number dropped to 464,672.

Elsewhere the trend is similar. Rangers lost more than 30,000 fans while Aberdeen, despite being defending Champions, reported a drop of over 20,000.

Only bright spot was the First Division where attendances increased by more than 23,000, thanks mainly to an exciting promotion race involving Hibs, Dundee and St. Johnstone that was only resolved on the last day of the season.

But overall the picture is gloomy. Almost half a million fans stayed away last season, bringing

the total loss at the turnstiles in the last five years to more than a million.

League secretary Jim Farry says: "There's no doubt the deep economic recession in Scotland is partly to blame. For many people it is a bonus just to have a job — never mind going to football matches."

"But lack of cash is not the only reason fans have stayed away. Many just don't believe the product is good enough and our clubs must look to find ways of improving the entertainment aspect."

Clubs are hopeful that a change of rules next season will go part of the way towards arresting the downward trend. Gate receipts will no longer be shared but instead retained by the home club.

This will enable clubs to decide their own admission prices and several are ready with deals to win back the missing fans.

Little Brechin City, for example, plan to admit youngsters under nine free of charge providing dad goes along, too. And they're also prepared to offer free admission to mum.

The average crowd at trim Glebe Park is measured in hundreds rather than thousands but they could be setting an example to many of the big boys.

Newly promoted Dundee, for instance, are keeping to last season's prices while Aberdeen's family season ticket plan at all-seated Pittodrie has a big chance of succeeding. Clydebank have even slashed prices by more than a third.

Scrapped

But others believe the problem will remain until the Scottish League reorganises yet again and the present set-up of a ten-club Premier Division is scrapped.

The clubs voted to retain the present system at their end-of-season annual general meeting but changes are almost inevitable if attendances continue to drop in the new season.

The Old Firm of Celtic and Rangers have lost half a million fans between them since the new Premier Division was introduced and Celtic, in particular, have often

expressed their dissatisfaction with the system that sees the ten clubs meet each other four times in a season.

Dundee United's bright young manager Jim McLean is another Premier Division opponent and he has sounded the grim warning that his club might have to sell players for purely financial reasons.

The club who sent Britain's highest priced player, Wolves striker Andy Gray, South of the border have other assets in midfield man David Narey and striker Paul Sturrock. But they are reluctant to cash in.

One ray of hope for the Scottish game is provided by national boss Jock Stein who looks like taking his squad to Spain next summer for the World Cup Finals.

An increasing number of home-based Scots have fought their way into his squad alongside the top Anglos and if Stein's men can turn in a sunshine display in Spain it could provide a much-needed bonus for the game at club level.

For the time being, however, clubs will try to win back the fans with a combination of cut-price football and increased value for money in the shape of extra thrills and more of what the customers want to see — goals.

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PROBLEMS MOUNT FOR SPAIN

SPAIN'S close-season tour of Central and South America came in for a lot of scathing criticism in the Spanish Press, most of whom felt that it would have been more positive for the World Cup hosts to play at home rather than to practice away tactics on a long and arduous tour.

And it's ironic that Spain should have developed into one of the best 'away' teams in the world just at the moment when they must take on the world's best at home!

A glance at the record since Santamaría took over as manager a year ago will give you a clear idea of what I mean.

Their only two away defeats have been in Portugal and Brazil, whereas their only home success was a dubious result against France in a match where the visitors had two goals disallowed by a Rumanian referee who then gave the Spaniards a penalty two minute from time.



HOME			
Poland	1-2	England	2-1
France	1-0	Portugal	0-2
Hungary	0-3	Mexico	3-1
		Venezuela	2-0
AWAY			
Hungary	2-2	Colombia	1-1
East Germany	0-0	Chile	1-1
		Brazil	0-1

Nine away games, and only three at home! The question is, can Spain learn to win at home in time for a serious tilt at the World Cup?

● Picture shows Gordillo of Spain in action against Hungary in Budapest.

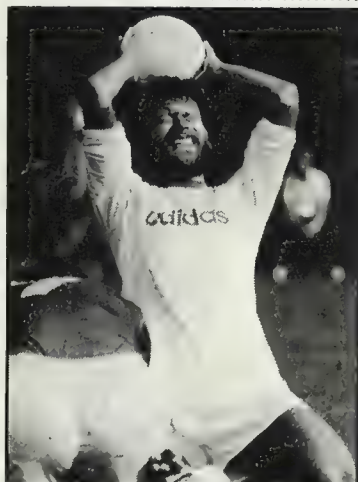
HENNING JENSEN, the Danish international striker who has starred for Borussia Mönchengladbach, Real Madrid and Ajax, has been given a free transfer by the Dutch club and signed for AGF Aarhus. He will replace Lars Bastруп, the AGF striker who has joined Hamburger SV.

MORE EURO ACTION FOR BRAZIL

BRAZIL manager Telé Santana, who was in Toulon to see Brazil's junior team win the Eight Nations Tournament there (five wins), said: "I would have no hesitation in including any one of this junior team in the Brazil team."

"As with our team in London, Paris and Stuttgart here, too, in Toulon all the coaches were surprised at the tactical application, the team-work and the physical fitness of the Brazilian team."

"Nevertheless, before the World Cup, I want to play many more games against top European opposition, with European referees in charge. It is fundamental to give the players as much experience as possible of what they are going to encounter in the World Cup in Spain."



Bayern better than Liverpool

PAUL BREITNER (above) is still denying in the German Press that he ever made that inflammatory remark about Liverpool being 'stupid'.

"That was an invention by Bob Paisley to motivate his players for the return leg," he states. "But I'm still convinced that Bayern are the best side in Europe at the moment, despite our elimination by Liverpool."

Racing towards bankruptcy

ONE of Argentina's most historic clubs, Racing, is once again in dire financial straits.

So much so that the squad recently walked out of the team's hotel on the eve of an important match because they still hadn't received any wages since April.

The directors' answer was amazing — they fined all the players 20 per cent of their earnings!

The move was obviously illegal — at least according to the Argentine regulations — and three players who've since been suspended by the club are taking legal action to recover their 'missing' cash.



Fiorentina favourites

THE Italian transfer market closed with a movement of £50m — £17m in cash and the rest in player-exchanges.

The major buy was Paolo Rossi from Lanerossi Vicenza to Champions Juventus for £1.4m. Rossi is under suspension for his part in the bribes scandal until April 1982, although he can play for Juve's junior sides.

Franco Causio has left Juventus for Udinese, while Francesco Graziani signed for Fiorentina from Torino. In fact, Fiorentina are the new favourites to win the Italian Championship this year.

They've made five changes to their first-team at a cost of £2m.

News flashes

● Sepp Piontek (pictured), Denmark's West German national team manager looks forward to the home World Cup game with Yugoslavia in the autumn from a strong position. Played four won four is Denmark's 1981 form, including a 3-1 World Cup win over Italy and a prestige-boosting 2-1 success against Rumania. Not since 1960 have Denmark won four consecutive internationals.

● Bundesliga club MSV Duisberg have signed yet another South Korean international, the third to play in the Bundesliga. He is midfield player and captain of the national team, Sang-in-Park.

● The total spectators at Italian Championship games dropped last season by 10% to less than seven million. But thanks to rising prices the Serie A clubs increased their gate receipts by 15%.

● Six Juventus players were in the Italian team beaten 3-1 by Denmark and this gave the club known in

After you—no, after you...

STRANGE incident at the beginning of the World Cup clash between Chile and Ecuador.

The match started ten minutes late because neither team wanted to be first out on to the pitch!

Chile's manager Luis Santibañez solved the problem with a piece of sheer cunning — he sent his substitutes out in single file, and when Ecuador manager Juan Hohberg saw the Chileans seemingly running out he gave his own team the go-ahead. The Chilean subs promptly did an about-turn and disappeared, leaving Ecuador alone on the turf.

Believe it or not, the reason for all the subterfuge was simply that Santibañez wanted Ecuador to be out on the pitch when Chile took the field, so



that the visitors would feel overawed by the tremendous reception in the packed National Stadium!

● Manuel Rojas of Chile is on the receiving end of the wrong sort of World Cup action against Paraguay with the ball nowhere in sight.

ALGERIA have named a 51-year-old Russian, Eugeni Rogov, as their new national team manager.

Rogov has been in Algeria since 1978, in charge of League side Asnam, and his first task as national team boss will be to try and gain a place in next year's World Cup Finals by beating Nigeria in the African play-off.

THE new Hungarian League season begins on August 16th with 18 clubs in the First Division for the last time. Next season, 1982-83 there will be only 16 First Division clubs.

YOU might just remember me mentioning that a member of Athletic Bilbao's training staff, Javier Clemente, had spent a while in Ipswich last spring to study the Suffolk club's methods.

Well, Clemente has now been appointed manager of the Spanish club and has publicly announced that he intends to convert Athletic Bilbao into 'the Ipswich Town of Spanish football'.



Italy as The Old Lady, another first. They are the only club to have more than 1,000 caps in Italy. To be exact 1,001, shared by 66 players since their first international in 1910 when they beat France 6-2 in Milan.



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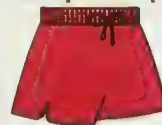
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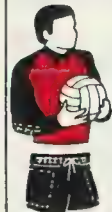


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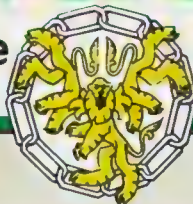
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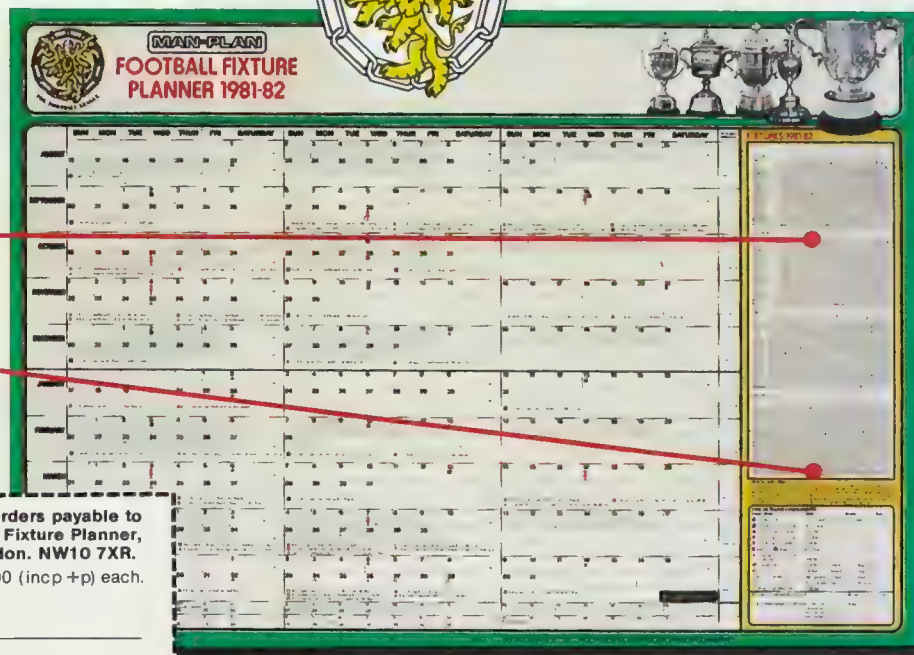
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Greig happy MacDonald ignored him



NOT many Rangers players dare to ignore the instructions of manager John Greig and get away with it.

But that's what young John MacDonald did when he was told to defend his side's 4-1 lead during the Scottish Cup Final replay against Dundee United. And what's more . . . Greig is delighted with his highly-rated striker!

"Can you imagine the cheek of the lad," said Greig. "I was telling him to get back behind the ball to help out our defence, but he was wanting to go forward."

"We were winning 4-1, he had scored two of the goals and you could see he wanted to complete the evening with a hat-trick."

"But how can you dampen the enthusiasm of such a player? That's one occasion where I don't mind a player going against my instructions!"

John MacDonald — like his Old Firm rival, Charlie Nicholas at Parkhead — plays football with a smile on his face, but he has a ruthless streak when it comes to applying the final touch in the penalty box.

"I feel I could have done more last season," he admits. "I wasn't anywhere near as consistent as I should have been. I hope to make up for that in the future and feel that the Cup Final at least helped to make up for my disappointing earlier form."

Baby-face MacDonald looks as though he is too young and too slight to face up to the mighty whacks of strong arm defenders, but the slender kid is not one to be intimidated.

He must have learned a trick or

two from watching Denis Law when he was a youngster. Denis the Menace was never in the Charles Atlas class, but it didn't stop him venturing where the brave go into the midst of swinging feet and falling bodies in search of goals.

"That Cup Final victory was a memory I will cherish forever," says MacDonald, who could form a devastating goalscoring partnership with Charlie Nicholas in the international side some time in the future.

"Our fans had had to do without a trophy success the previous season, and that is most unlike Rangers."

'Consolation'

"Obviously our main target is always the Premier Division title, but the Scottish Cup was at least consolation for our marvellous support."

"Yes, of course, I would have dearly loved to have netted a hat-trick against Dundee United, but I accept at all times that football is a team game."

"I wouldn't be selfish if it meant putting the team at risk. That's not my style. It's just that I felt so good against United. After scoring twice I was eager to get another. It wasn't to be, but the main thing is that the Cup went to Ibrox where it belongs and where, I'm sure, it will stay for years to come."

John MacDonald grew up in that Final replay last season. In four pre-season games in Sweden and Denmark he scored SEVEN goals. He aims to maintain that fabulous form for a long time.

FANS blinked in utter astonishment recently when Hibs manager Bertie Auld announced his latest signing . . .

It was goalkeeper Ally Donaldson (below) who, at 38, had been out of football after quitting Dundee to look after a hotel business in Carnoustie.

The fee was only £5,000, but Auld is nevertheless looking for good things from veteran Donaldson in the Premier Division.

"He is still a class goalkeeper," stresses the Easter Road supremo. "I needed cover and he will provide this."

"I know just how good Ally is . . . remember I've played against him often enough and never found him easy to beat!"

Donaldson's career has certainly taken some bizarre and unforeseen turnings. He kicked off what looked like being a glittering career with Dundee and, at one stage, there was talk of the then Celtic boss Jock Stein taking him to Parkhead.

Instead Ronnie Simpson, another remarkable veteran, began playing with amazing poise and polish and that interest dimmed. So, too, did the career of Donaldson.

There were rumours of off-the-field unrest at Dens Park and it was no surprise when he moved on to Falkirk. His career came to a standstill, which was surprising because

the likeable Ally had everything in his favour.

He was tall, lithe, commanding, agile and had a great pair of hands. In fact, he looked the ideal goalkeeper, but, for one reason or another, he failed to impress the right sort of people.

After his spell with Falkirk he made his peace with Dundee and restarted his career at Dens Park. But two seasons ago Dundee slipped out of the Premier Division.

Donaldson's last game for the club was their remarkable 5-1 triumph over Celtic at Dens Park, where Donaldson was immaculate even to the point of saving a penalty by Murdo MacLeod.

It looked as though his timing, at last, had been perfect . . . it was the final curtain that would be difficult to beat.

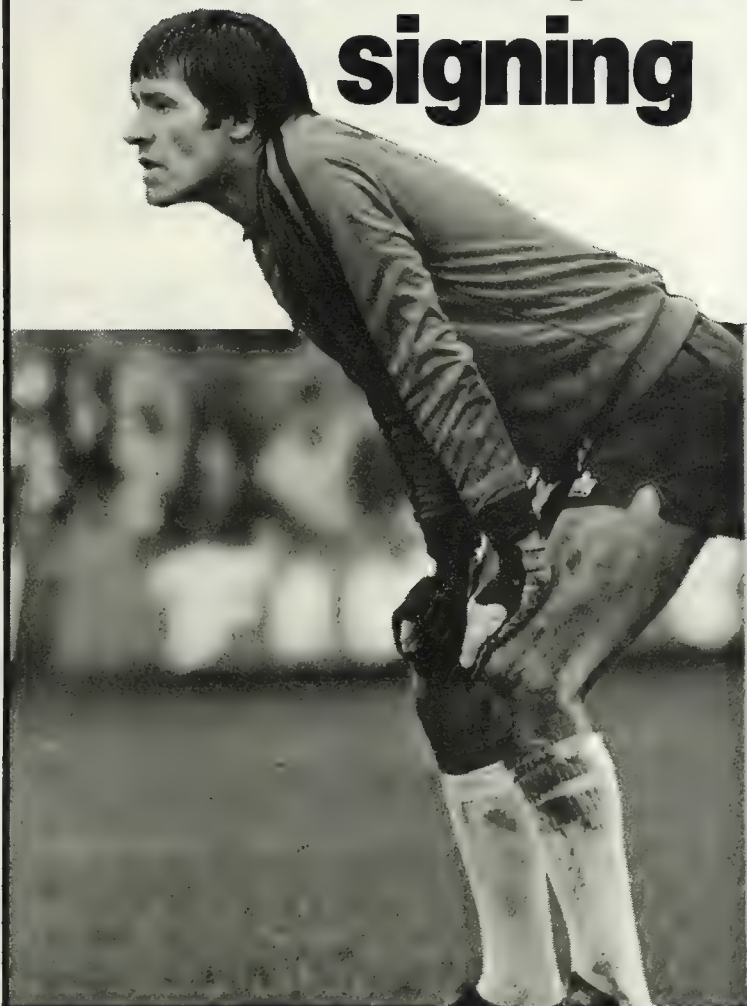
Mature

Ally quit the club and Donald Mackay, who had just taken over as manager, was forced to throw youngster Bobby Geddes in at the deep end and was rewarded for his courage with some startlingly mature displays by the Highlander.

Donaldson, it seemed, would drift into obscurity and leave the fans wondering why such a huge talent had failed to make the expected and predicted impact.

Now he is back, he will have to rid himself of a year's rust before taking up the challenge of the Top Ten once again.

Bertie's shock signing



TAKE A BREAK—IT'S

Quiz Time

TRUE OR FALSE?

1. Swansea City's Leighton James (pictured) began his League career with Queens Park Rangers.

2. The last time Northern Ireland played in a World Cup Finals was in 1962 in Chile.

3. Charlton manager Alan Mulhery was voted the Football Writers' Player of the Year in 1975.

4. St Johnstone were promoted with Champions Hibernian from the Scottish First Division last season.

5. Colin Lee finished the 1980-81 season as leading League goalscorer for Second Division Chelsea.

GROUND

Here we've wrongly paired some of Britain's League clubs and their grounds. See if you can sort them out.

1. The Shay (Dundee)
2. The Valley (Hereford)
3. Ayresome Park (Hull)
4. Edgar Street (Raith)
5. Sealand Road (Halifax)
6. Dens Park (Albion Rovers)
7. Stark's Park (Chester)
8. Elm Park (Middlesbrough)
9. Boothferry Road (Charlton)
10. Cliftonhill Park (Reading)

TRACE A TEAM

The names of 12 past or present Watford players are spelt out in this form in straight lines, either horizontally, vertically or diagonally and forwards and backwards. How many can you find?

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PICTURE PUZZLE

Study the action photograph, taken during a Stoke City v Coventry City clash last season, and see if you can answer the following questions about the game and the clubs.



1. Can you identify the Coventry player on the right?
2. And the Stoke City player in a heading duel?
3. Is it true that Stoke City have had a longer run of consecutive seasons in the First Division than the Sky Blues?
4. Both clubs had managerial changes during the summer. Can you name their new bosses?
5. Has either club won the F.A. Cup?

JUMBLED GOALKEEPERS

Rearrange the jumbled letters to find the names of some of Britain's top goalkeepers and their clubs.

1. TREEPLRMEO (OOH-STPTUM)
2. HONJCKILU (SEDEL)
3. RPRYEEDIWGD (GNOTRBHI)
4. TPANROENB (CCLTIE)
5. LIYLBONHMTSO (TSRNMERI)
6. MYMJIMMRRIE (OSATNLVAIL)
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8. IMJTTWSREA (GRRSEAN)
9. UPLAAAWHDBRS (VSWOEL)
10. AETPRRATBOO (EEACSLH)

ANSWERS:

Paul Bradshaw (Wolves), 10. Peter Borota (Tottenham), 9. Jim Stewart (Rangers), 8. Rimmer (Aston Villa), 7. Mills (Aldershot), 6. Billy Thompson (St Mirren), 5. Jimmy Digwood (Bristol), 4. Pat Bonner (Colchester), 3. John Lukic (Leeds), 2. John Perry (Portsmouth), 1. Peter Malloy (JUMBLED GOALKEEPERS).

TRUE OR FALSE: 1. False — he began with Burnley, 2. False — it was the 1958 tournament, 3. True, 4. False — it was Dundee — not St Johnstone — who were promoted with Hibs, 5. True.

JUMBLED GOALKEEPERS: 1. Peter Malloy (GROUNDS, 1. Halifax, 2. Charlton, 3. Middlesbrough, 4. Hereford, 5. Chester, 6. Dundee, 7. Raith, 8. Reading, 9. Hull, 10. Albion Rovers).

TRACE-A-TEAM: Sherwood, Steele, Pritchett, How, Sims, Bolton, Harrison, Train, Roston, Blissett, Jenkins, Ward.

ON THE BALL CROSSWORD ANSWERS:—

ACROSS:— (3) Mania, (6) Fly, (7) Arsenal, (9) Mayo, (10) Ashton, (13) Aims, (14) Armstrong, (16) Blur, (17) Tunnel, (19) Etch, (20) Coppell, (22) Dew, (23) Resow.

DOWN:— (1) Dave Watson, (2) F.I.F.A., (4) Allot, (5) Ardour, (8) Snag, (9) Mills, (11) Hartlepool, (12) Smith, (14) Arts, (15) Needle, (18) Nicer, (21) Owen.

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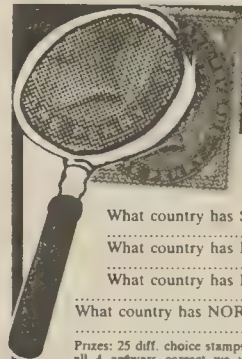
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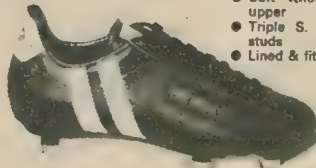
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BRUCE Grobbelaar is luckier than most young professionals about to be thrust into the heavily demanding cauldron of First Division football.

Big Bruce's ice-cool temperament is guaranteed to ensure that he settles into Liverpool's League team as if he was born to fill the position occupied with such distinction by the master himself, Ray Clemence.

Nothing, but nothing, will ruffle Bruce. For the Durban-born goalkeeper was trained to kill at an age when most youngsters are still doing maths, physics and English at their school desks.

The strapping 6ft 1in South African was conscripted into the Rhodesian Army at 16 with orders to track down guerillas in the Rhodesian bush country.

Kill or be killed was the order of the day as Bruce and his soldier colleagues played cat and mouse with the enemy in a dangerous war zone.

Fortunately, Bruce never had to fire his rifle in anger — but several of his regiment, some close friends, lost their lives during their two-year National Service period.

If nothing else, Bruce's soldiering gave him an appreciation of the need to "live for today".

The outcome of his ordeals as a teenager could serve as a major bonus to Liverpool, for the fiercest battles in front of the Kop are unlikely to shake the composure of Anfield's 23-year-old successor to Clemence.

He has played only four Central League reserve games, and two testimonial matches for Steve Heighway and John Wile, yet Bruce is ready, willing and able to wear the goalkeeper's jersey as if he had understudied Clemence for years rather than a few months.

'Ability'

"The fans might think I'm a bit of a novice. Perhaps I am in terms of First Division experience, but Liverpool's coaches have worked on me so much that I will go into matches with complete confidence in my ability," he says.

"They have this wonderful ability to set your mind at rest. They put their trust in you, and because they believe in you, you respond accordingly.

"It's all very professional. Yet there is a wonderful family spirit at Liverpool. I've travelled miles to play First Division football in England, but I'm no stranger in the Liverpool camp.

Typical of the Liverpool players' "take nothing for granted" attitude is Bruce's reluctance to admit he is a certainty to play First Division football for the European Cup holders in the new season, although Clemence is now on the transfer list.

"I will take my chance if it comes. Until then I am happy to be part of this wonderful set-up. The one thing you learn at Liverpool is that if a first teamer is injured or goes sick, there is a substitute player waiting in the wings to fill his position. Sometimes, Bob Paisley has more than one

alternative if he has to change the line-up."

The name Grobbelaar hardly slips off the tongue with the smoothness of Clemence, but there is little doubt that he will be a household name by Christmas if he gets his chance in the Liverpool first team.

And now that it is clear that Clemence is leaving Anfield, it seems pretty certain that Bruce will soon get that opportunity.

Bruce might be new to the big-time of the English League but he has packed a great deal of experience into his few years in soccer.

He was playing for a semi-professional side called Salisbury Callies when he first raised eyebrows with his agile

1981. Bruce's impact in the States encouraged Crewe to pitch for his services and it was at Gresty Road that his talents began to interest mighty Liverpool.

Bruce admits to extreme nervousness at this stage of his career. He had none of the brash confidence he now enjoys until Tony Waddington, manager of Crewe, worked on this weakness in his make up.

"He told me that if I was nervous before a match I could not offer the concentration I can now muster. I owe as much to Mr Waddington as anyone in soccer."

Now, when Bruce's gleaming Ford Granada noses through the gate at Liverpool's Melwood training ground after a 55-minute journey from his cottage home

not shared by the other two — he wants to represent Zimbabwe in the World Cup Finals.

"I qualify to play for them and nothing would give me greater pleasure. The World Cup qualifying set-up would enable Zimbabwe to achieve their aim given the luck of the draw and a break or two in the competition's early rounds."

His other ambition is even more unlikely. He hopes to take up professional baseball when his soccer career is completed! He has already represented the Springbok Under-19's and Rhodesia at baseball, relying on a supremely gifted ball-sense to win his spurs in the sport.

Meanwhile, Bruce is happy to be part of the Liverpool set-up playing in a League he reckons is the Mecca for professional footballers.

The Liverpool bachelor has certainly come a long way since dodging the bullets in the khaki battledress of the Rhodesian Army.

BATTLING BRUCE

Trained to kill . . . Grobbelaar can't wait to be in the firing line

goalkeeping displays. After National Service he joined Durban City for a season where he was spotted by Harry Weir, a businessman with close affiliations to British football.

Weir recommended the young goalkeeper to West Bromwich Albion and although he did well in his trial at The Hawthorns he was unable to obtain a work permit on his South African passport.

However, Tony Waiters, whizz-kid manager of Vancouver Whitecaps, spotted Bruce's potential on a recruiting drive in England and signed him without second thought.

He played in the North American Soccer League from 1978 to April,

near Wrexham, he pulls on the green jersey with the confidence of a veteran.

Bruce hopes to rise to the heights scaled by his illustrious predecessor and emulate the feats of his other hero, Peter Shilton, but he cherishes an unlikely ambition

Down but not out . . . Ray Clemence, who is leaving Liverpool to make way for Grobbelaar.



DURING my first meeting with Ron Atkinson after he'd been appointed manager of Manchester United, he asked me if I wanted to move.

It wasn't transfer talk . . . just that the new manager wanted me to play in a slightly different role, moving upfield more, rather than being restricted to the anchor-man role in midfield.

We had a long and interesting chat. I was asked how I particularly liked playing, and why I wasn't scoring as many goals as I did when I was with Chelsea.

I prefer having a freer role, but

with United and England over the past couple of years I've been told to 'hold' the midfield. For instance, with United I stayed back to enable Sammy McIlroy and Mickey Thomas to attack more, while with England Trevor Brooking and Kevin Keegan pushed up while I hung back.

This season, I think I'll be going forward a lot more for United. Ron Atkinson wants us to play a more flexible system, where any of the midfield men can move forward, as long as one player — it doesn't matter who — stays back.

This is just one way the new boss will be changing the side. I believe he'd like to use two wingers —



everyone else, which underlined how vital pre-season training is. It gives a player the basic stamina for the season, and if you miss these vital weeks it can be very difficult to make up for lost time.

It was a bitter blow to be dropped by England, but typical of the way things had gone, or not gone, for me. I'm fully aware that people have doubts about me now, and while I wouldn't say I aim to prove them wrong . . . I hope I can make them sit up and take notice.

I've won 43 England caps — not bad for a 24-year-old, so I don't think I have to prove myself.

I should start the season at around 11 stone, and feeling fitter

'Ron's freed me to attack'



Ray Wilkins
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Steve Coppell, of course, and possibly someone wide on the left. We must also adapt accordingly now that Joe Jordan has gone.

With Joe in the side we inevitably played a lot of high balls to him, but now, with a different attacking formation, we shall be looking for the ball to be played to the feet rather than the head, which will certainly suit Garry Birtles.

Ron Atkinson will also be working hard to ensure United are on the back pages of the popular Press as often as possible. The club want to be in the spotlight regularly, and they don't come much better than Ron Atkinson when it comes to handling Press relations.

From a personal point of view, I've never felt better during pre-season training. After returning from Hungary I had two weeks complete rest and between then and returning for training I ran three miles every day.

Looking back, last season was a disaster. I never really got going following my groin operation. I was always struggling to be as fit as

than ever will give me the confidence I was lacking last season. The next year is a very important one: United have got to get back into the habit of winning trophies, while the 1982 World Cup kicks-off in June.

Obviously my first priority internationally speaking is to get my place back in the team. The World Cup, though, means everything. It must be the highlight of any player's career and I'm confident England will be there.

I'm not going to put my head on the block and say United will win the title. What I will say is that we have as good a squad as anyone and if we can steer clear from injuries and have a little luck here and there we are capable of winning something, or at the worst, of being in the frame.

Own fault

With the best support in the country to call upon we should win most of our home games — it'll be our own fault if we don't.

I don't see any 'outsiders' winning the Championship. I fancy the same teams as last season to be the main contenders.

I wonder how three points for a win will change the game, if at all. It could work both ways. Some sides are expert at sneaking a lead and defending it, and with an extra point at stake they'll protect their lead even more.

I didn't think there was enough wrong with our football to warrant such a change, but I hope to be proved incorrect.

Join me again in a fortnight when I'll be talking about our World Cup-tie in Norway.

Ray Wilkins

FOR the footballing brothers Wilkins — SHOOT columnist Ray of Manchester United, Graham at Chelsea and Dean with Q.P.R. — the new season cannot come soon enough. All three have exciting reasons for looking forward to the 1981-82 kick-off more than any previous starting day.

Though Ray steps out with 43 full England caps behind him, he comes to the new campaign feeling like a new man after his personal low of last season.

For full-back Graham the appointment of John Neal as manager of Chelsea has brought a new opportunity to establish a first team place. At the end of May he "left" Stamford Bridge for Selhurst Park. Then Palace had second thoughts and Graham found himself in no-man's-land.

Suspense

With no developments after three weeks of suspense, he returned to Chelsea and signed a new three-year contract.

Meanwhile, 19-year-old Dean Wilkins who, like his elder brothers, began with Chelsea as an apprentice, starts 1981-82 pushing for a place in Q.P.R.'s first team. He could well prove one of the skilful youngsters Rangers are going to need on their artificial pitch.

At the end of last season, Graham decided the time had come to make a fresh start away from Stamford Bridge. Dario Gradi called him to Crystal Palace for talks. He agreed personal terms

MIXED FORTUNES FOR THE WILKINS BROTHERS



Graham Wilkins in action for Chelsea (above) and younger brother Dean hoping to make his mark with Rangers (right).



and passed a medical test. The transfer was announced...

Then came a shock for him. Palace, having dropped half a million pounds on the departure of striker Clive Allen back to his first club Q.P.R., decided they were prepared to pay only £20,000 for Wilkins — one third of Chelsea's valuation.

The deal remained deadlocked, the transfer unregistered. Graham takes up the story: "After three weeks, Palace had made no further contact, and with the matter drifting on, I decided I had to sort things out for myself.

"By then, John Neal had arrived at Stamford Bridge as Geoff Hurst's successor. He asked me to call in for a chat, and offered me terms I was very happy to accept."

When Dean made his League debut for Q.P.R. away to Shrewsbury in last season's final game Ray drove down specially from Manchester to see his kid brother step out. His verdict: "He played on the left side of midfield and did very well. He looks to be a player with the knack of always being in the right place, and that's a good quality for any youngster."

During the close season, Dean has added valuable experience to his game — in Finland. A year ago, Graham spent two months there, playing for Myllosken. He had agreed to go there again this close season, but then the "transfer" to Crystal Palace came up. But the Finnish club could not wait.

"Can you find us a replacement?" they asked. Graham did just that, and young brother Dean took his place. What you might call a "Finnish experience" that will hopefully help to start Dean on a successful career.

THE thought of Joey Jones 'biting legs' in the First Division again must have sent a shiver down the spine of a whole host of strikers.

But the good news for them is the hard-tackling Welsh international has signed a one-year extension to his current contract at Wrexham.

A summer of turmoil at Wrexham had left Jones angry and demanding a move, even though he still had a year of a contract to run.

"I wanted to get back into the First Division," he says. "I still do, but I'm prepared to give it another season at The Racecourse. If things don't improve and we end up fighting relegation again, then I'll have to think seriously about my future again next summer."

Jones was annoyed when his friend Arfon Griffiths was allowed to leave the club after refusing to implement staff cuts. The board at Wrexham then failed to tempt first Gordon Lee, then John Neal and finally Richie Barker to take over as manager.

"I don't think the board have come out of their negotiations with too much credit," says Jones.

"But I'm glad that Mel Sutton was eventually asked to take over. Even though he's only on a one-year contract I'm sure he'll prove himself."

Sutton talked Jones into staying at Wrexham. For the time being

Jones desperate for the big time again

curbing his desire to return to the big league where he enjoyed success with Liverpool.

"I won European Cup and League Championship honours during my time at Anfield," says Jones. "I'm desperate to get back into the top flight again."

"Ideally I would like to play in the First Division with Wrexham. But I can't see that happening."



Jones, of course, started his career at The Racecourse before moving to Anfield in July 1975 for £110,000. He was back with Wrexham three years later.

"I re-signed for Wrexham because I thought the club could get into the top flight. But too many good players have been allowed to leave. Dai Davies, Mickey Thomas and Bobby Shinton, for example."

"No disrespect to the players now doing their jobs, but these were quality players and they haven't really been replaced."

Jones reflects with some pain on his decision to leave Liverpool.

'Future'

"At the time it was the right thing to do. The club had just signed Alan Kennedy and I couldn't see any future even though Bob Paisley asked me to stay because I could play in any position across the back-four."

"If I had known then what I do now I wouldn't have gone. But playing a season or two with the reserves wouldn't have done my international chances much good. Maybe I was just too impatient."

Jones sees international football as his shop-window. "Whilst I'm playing for Wrexham I'll give 100 per cent. That's the way I am, and I love the place," says Jones.

"But when I'm playing for Wales I have the chance to show people what I can do. That Joey Jones is far from finished."

ANDERSON'S WARNING TO VILLA



VIV Anderson reckons that he has the best sort of incentive for the new season. He says: "Last term was a big disappointment to me. Only success can wipe out the memory of it."

With the Nottingham Forest international defender anxious for his club to return to their trophy-winning ways, it's obvious that he has sufficient motivation for 1981-82.

And Viv continues: "We are trying to rebuild the side. It's not like Forest to be left out of things, as they were last season, so we'll be attempting to put that right. And I'm optimistic, because some of our young players gained experience last winter which will make them more able to deal with difficult situations than they were a year ago."

"Gary Mills, Stuart Gray and Bryn Gunn all had first team outings and all impressed me as players with a future who can only get better."

But if Anderson is anticipating that Forest will be a real force in Division One next term, he points out that his club will face tremendous competition.

'Difficult'

"I think that there will be a lot of contenders for the Championship — it promises to be a very open competition. And I believe that it will be more difficult for Aston Villa than the others, because in lifting the title they ensured that every team in the First Division will be all out to knock them off their perch."

"This happened to us after winning the First Division Championship. In the following season I found it very hard going. We had to prove we were the best week after week. At the end of it all we finished second in the table behind Liverpool."

"Liverpool are another side busy with team-building, but they won the European Cup and the League Cup earlier this year, which convinces me that they can never

be underestimated. And neither can Manchester City, Arsenal, Ipswich, West Bromwich and Tottenham. I rate Spurs the best team I came up against last season judged on their display against Forest at Nottingham."

Should Forest top the First Division in 1981-82, Viv will be delighted. Yet in his mind it won't compare with the two highlights in his career to date.

"Our performance in taking the title in 1978, when Liverpool were second, gave me my biggest thrill with Forest. Nobody had really thought we could pull it off, but we kept on going steadily throughout the term and proved them all wrong. Then my first cap for England made me feel very proud."

But Anderson is not the type to waste time in looking over his shoulder and dwelling on past events.

'Problems'

He says: "You are always learning in this game. Willie Johnston was a winger who has always posed problems for me, as has Peter Barnes, and both have helped in my soccer education."

"I would like to go on improving, and if possible, gain more international honours. England's display against Hungary raised hopes that we can compete in the 1982 World Cup, and to represent his country in Spain must be the aim of every professional."

"In the League next season I'm sure that Forest will continue their policy of playing to entertain, and the introduction of three points for a win opens up all kinds of interesting possibilities. The signs are that the new term could be fascinating."

And for Anderson, the 1981-82 season will be one in which he looks for a Forest revival, in which he expects to play a full part. Viv signed for the City Ground club in August, 1972, made his League debut against Sheffield Wednesday in September, 1974, and is a key-man who will almost certainly be unaffected by any team shake-up.

He says: "Forest are rebuilding along the right lines — now we've got to prove it."

"We have failed to qualify for Europe for the first time since our League Championship success in 1978 — and that is just not good enough. There will be no repeat performances this season. It won't be allowed to happen."

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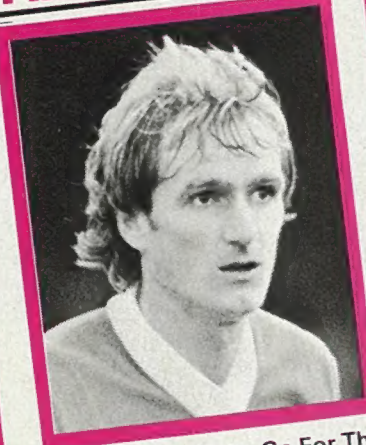
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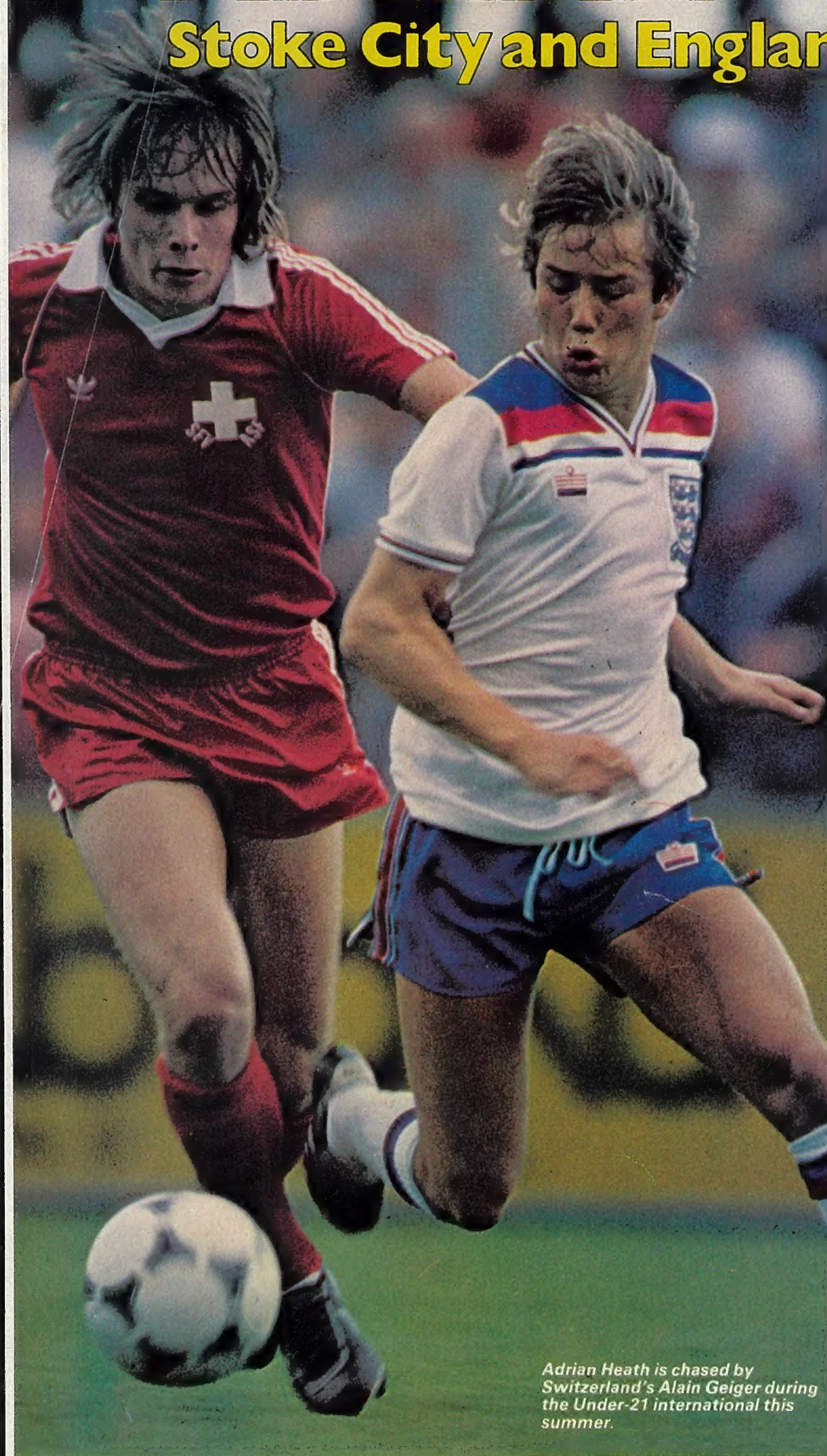
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WEIGHT: 10 stone
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MARRIED: No
CAR: Ford Cortina
FAVOURITE NEWSPAPER: Daily Express
FAVOURITE PLAYERS: Kenny Dalglish and Alan Ball
MOST PROMISING TEAM-MATE: Chris Masskeru
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAMS: Everton, Spurs
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FAVOURITE OTHER SPORT: Tennis
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Arsenal's Graham Rix
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